

40-Year-Olds Get Discharges

WASHINGTON.—Within 90 days approximately 30,000 "oldsters" will be testing the "life begins at 40" theory as the War Department has announced that enlisted men 40 years of age or over, whose service is honorable, are eligible for discharge.

The new War Department Circular 151, dated May 23, 1945, came a little over a month after the Circular 125 which allowed men 42 years of age or over to return to civilian life.

"When the military situation permits, further reduction in the age limit will be made," the War Department stated.

To what point reductions in age would go was not disclosed by the War Department. ARMY TIMES, which has advocated the discharge of older personnel suggested May 12 that if a mass discharge of "oldsters" is impracticable they be released in the groups, the 40-year-olds first, 38-year-olds next and other groups later.

The War Department pointed out that lowering of the age limit below 40 at this time would jeopardize

military operations and slow down the release of combat veterans who have earned the right to discharge on the basis of long and arduous service.

"Through the inclusion of a heavily weighted factor for parenthood," the War Department added, "the point system provides indirect consideration for age. Statistical surveys have indicated that the average age of fathers is several years above the average for soldiers without children."

Any enlisted man 40 years or over, whose service is honorable, may apply in writing to his commanding officer for his discharge. Commanders will be permitted to retain him for a period of not more than 90 days while obtaining a replacement.

The same circular applies to enlisted Wacs 40 years of age or over who have been on active duty for a year or more. Over 8000 Wacs are eligible for discharge.

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Okinawa Defense Collapsing; U.S.-Burma Forces Consolidate

WASHINGTON.—While costly fighting has continued on Okinawa during the week against desperate Japanese resistance, American leaders on the spot predict an early end of the campaign and that the island will shortly be in our hands.

In the last few days the Japs have thrown in their last reserves from the 30,000 left of the original 80,000 defense garrison, in a vain attempt to stop advances by five American divisions, but their "Little

Siegfried line" appears to be on the point of collapse.

On Tuesday the 7th Division tore out the east anchor of the Jap defense line by entering Yonabaru, which is now in their hands. After being driven five times from Conical Hill, the 383rd regiment of the 77th Division captured it finally and drove the Jap defenders some distance south.

Encircling Shuri

The 96th Division, working southwest of Conical Hill, is driving to complete an encirclement of fortified Shuri, which is also being attacked by the 1st Marine Division.

The 6th Division destroyed two Jap divisions which counterattacked the drive from the Asato river to Naha, and is now in the outskirts of the town. An encircling move-

ment is also underway around Naha to cut it off from the South. No attempts are being made to occupy the town until dominating heights to the east are cleared.

Japs Trapped On Luzon

On Luzon, in the Philippines, the 43rd Division has captured Ipo Dam, one of the sources of water supply for Manila, and closed a trap around several thousand of the enemy. The 1st Cavalry (Mechanized) took Port Rfal on the coast highway south of Infanta and has closed two sides of a triangle around the Jap forces in the neighborhood.

On Mindanao the 31st Infantry Division captured Valencia with its two adjacent airfields and also occupied the central town of Malaybalay with its airfield. The 24th Division has driven to within two miles of the last airfield of the island still in Jap hands near Davao.

New Drive In China

In China a new drive, by the Chinese, supported by the 14th Air Force, against the Jap supply line from Manchuria to Indo-China has already ripped out Hochib, one bastion in Kwangsi province.

In Burma United States' operations have entered a new phase, with the emphasis on delivery of supplies to the Chinese rather than on combat effort. The headquarters of the India-Burma theater and headquarters of Supply have been (See Okinawa, Page 20)

Writer Hits VA Hospitals

WASHINGTON.—A story of "maladministration" and "petty rackets" in a tuberculosis hospital of the Veterans Administration finally got into the record before the House Veterans Committee this week as its "investigation" of VA hospitals lumbered into its second week.

The evidence of Albert Q. Maisel, former war correspondent and author of "Third-Rate Medicine For First-Rate Men," in the March issue of Cosmopolitan Magazine, went into the record after the individual committee members revolted against restrictive tactics by Chairman John Rankin (D., Miss.), and Joseph T. McQueen, the committee counsel.

The burden of Maisel's early test (See Committee, Page 20)

Ration Points NG

STAMFORD, Conn.—The point system for discharging men from the Army gave the Office of Price Administration here a new type of headache this week.

Answering the telephone, a clerk heard this record-breaker: "My son is in the Southwest Pacific and he writes me he hasn't got enough points to come home. Could you give me a few spares to send to him?"

The clerk pointed out wearily that she didn't have the kind of points he needed and the woman hung up with a disappointed "Oh."

Mass Shipments By Sea And Air Begin

WASHINGTON.—Ships and air transport from Europe this week began the task of returning to the United States thousands of soldiers liberated from German prison camps and other thousands eligible for discharge under the War Department's point system or being redeployed to the Pacific.

Simultaneously, bomber crews en route to the Pacific were landing their planes in Connecticut for pre-Pacific furloughs and bringing with them men eligible for discharge immediately.

The War Department announced this week that about 22,000 American soldiers liberated from Germany will be back in the United States by the end of this month,



PRESIDENT DECORATES SERGEANT LINDSEY
General Marshall Looks On Approvingly

100th Honor Medal Awarded By Truman

WASHINGTON.—In the names of 99 other Medal of Honor infantrymen—50 of whom died in action—T/Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey, of Lucedale, Miss., on Monday received the 100th such award direct from the hands of President Truman before an unprecedented joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

"Through him we pay a grateful nation's tribute to the courage of all our fighting men," President Truman said in fastening the country's

highest distinguished combat award around his neck.

The award was Sergeant Lindsey's fourth and was won on the battlefield near Hamich, Germany, on Nov. 16, 1944, when he single-handedly killed 20 Germans, three in hand-to-hand bayonet fighting, wounded an untold number of others, beat off repeated counterattacks, knocked out two machine-guns and saved the day for his badly depleted platoon. He was wounded in the knee during the action.

Parents Present

High-ranking officers of the Army and Navy, members of the Cabinet, and the mother and father and sister of the 24-year-old hero watched while Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, read the citation, and President Truman placed the medal around his bent neck.

Sergeant Lindsey stood rigidly at attention while General Marshall read the citation, whispered to him afterwards and then gave President Truman a wide salute when the latter reached the dias in the well of the House to make the presentation.

Members of Congress cheered lustily throughout the proceedings. "The history of this war is filled with countless acts of valor by our (See Truman Gives, Page 20)

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

Only Few Critical Specialties

WASHINGTON.—Of the Army's 535 military occupational specialties only 22 or 23 SSN's have been established as critical, it was learned this week.

Men in those specialties will not be discharged at present, regardless of their point scores.

The specialties comprise only a small portion of the Army, including such occupations as orthopedic mechanic, Asiatic language translator, cryptographic repairman, radar repairman and electroencephalographic specialist.

The full list is not being made public because the information would be of value to the Japanese.

The fact that a man is not in one of the critical specialties does not, of course, mean that he will be discharged immediately if he has the necessary points. Other factors are equally compelling.

It has been pointed out, for instance, that troops shifted directly from Europe to the Pacific for immediate deployment will carry their high-point personnel with them.

Similarly units in the United (See Only Few, Page 20)

Hershey Says Draft Calls Will Be Cut

WASHINGTON.—Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service Director, on Tuesday announced termination of war in Europe and concentration of efforts against Japan have brought draft revision so that:

Deferment restrictions for men over 30 will be eased;

Immediate review of all men in the 18 to 25 age groups;

Total call for military services will be cut from 120,000 a month to about 90,000 by July;

Of the 90,000, about 70,000 will go to the Army and 20,000 to Navy;

Call of younger men should provide essential jobs in industry for discharged veterans.

It's Furlough, Then Japan For First Army

WASHINGTON.—The American Army that holds records for getting there "the fastest with the mostest" is chalking up another "fust" by leading the way to the Pacific, via the U. S.

First to land in Europe, first to invade Germany, first across the Rhine and first to greet the Russians, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' Fighting 1st is keeping its blue-ribbon winning record by being the first major U. S. fighting force in Europe to transfer to the Japanese theatre of operations.

General Hodges, accompanied by six generals, 20 lower officers and 24 Joes, led the movement and landed in Atlanta Thursday.

The divisions and Army Corps that fight with the 1st army against Japan will not necessarily be the

same that fought in Germany. However, according to the War Department enough veteran units and veteran personnel will take the field under General Hodges to insure the same vigorous assault against the Japanese as was made by the Fighting 1st against the Germans.

Men who fought with the 1st army in Europe now fall into three classes:

1. Those with insufficient points for discharge will go with the Army to the Far East;

2. Those with enough points, but considered essential, will go with the Army;

3. Those with enough points for discharge, who will be separated from their units before they leave (See It's Furlough, Page 20)

Make German And Jap Beasts Pay, Says JA

WASHINGTON.—"The trail of the beast is all over stricken Europe, and this Nation owes a duty to its maimed and tortured dead to track down the terrorists and bring them to justice. The same is true in no less degree of the sadists of Japan who have literally raped the Philippines."

This was the forceful message of Maj. Gen. Myron C. Cramer, Army Judge Advocate General, addressing 47 graduates in the 11th Officer Candidates Class and 30 graduates in the 22nd Officers Class at the

Judge Advocate General's School at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Declaring the Judge Advocate General's Department is now engaged in the biggest and most justifiable man-hunt in the history of the world, General Cramer announced the appointment of Brig. Gen. John M. Weir, Assistant JAG, to direct the investigation of war crimes and the preparation of cases against the accused.

"The public has learned about Buchenwald and many other Nazi-operated prisoner of war camps, internment camps and murder factories besides which the imaginary horrors of Dante's Inferno pale into insignificance," said General Cramer. "No more important assignment has ever been given our Department, and no more welcome assignment has ever been accepted by the officers of this Corps."

General Cramer said he was especially gratified at the appointment by President Truman of Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson, of the Supreme Court, to represent the United States in this prosecution of the arch criminals.

U. S. Pays Millions Into R. R. Pensions For Men In Army

WASHINGTON.—Although servicemen generally suffer possible reduction in old age pension benefits because of military service, railroad workers will have \$36,427,593 paid into their retirement fund by the government during the fiscal year beginning July 1, as a result of a special act passed in 1942, statements to the House Appropriations Committee disclose.

The contributions are based on an assumption that the worker while in service is earning \$160 a month for pension purposes.

Bills have been introduced in each Congress since the beginning of the war which would credit service personnel generally with an income of \$160 a month for Special Security pension purposes, but the measures never have come out of committee. The bills propose that the government pay into the Social Security fund both the employer's and employee's contribution on a \$160 income.

Gen. Donovan, War I Hero, To Aid Prosecuting Axis War Criminals

WASHINGTON.—Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, United States representative and chief of counsel for the United States in the prosecution of leading war criminals of European Axis powers, announced today details concerning the prosecuting staff.

Justice Jackson stated that, because of the work already going on in government departments on the subject of war crimes, he has set up only a very small staff to advise on policy, supervise trial preparation and help present the cases. This staff includes person-

Reservist Group Active Again; Gen. Evans Staffs New Office

WASHINGTON.—The Reserve Officers' Association of the United States has resumed activities, after a long period of wartime suspension, appointing Brig. Gen. E. A. Evans, ORC, as its secretary and reoccupying its old offices at 1726 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Active membership in the association is open to Reserve officers only, whether commissions are active or inactive. Any person who has had commissioned service in the Army of the United States may become an associate member.

Dues, which include subscription to "The Reserve Officer," will be \$3 a year until July 1, and \$5 a year thereafter.

"The Reserve Officer," official magazine of the society, will resume publication, probably as a monthly, in about a month. It will replace "The Army Officer" which has been issued since discontinuance of "The Reserve Officer" early in the emergency period.

Trustees of the association will meet here about June 1 to discuss appearance of Col. William B. Tuttle, San Antonio, Tex., one of their

number, before the House Post-War Military Policy Committee June 5 in support of compulsory peacetime training.

Other business of the society also will be taken up by the trustees.

Operation of the ROA will remain in the hands of the trustees until it is decided a sufficient number of Reserve officers are demobilized to permit holding of a general convention and election of officers.

Trustees, in addition to Colonel Tuttle, are: Col. Howard Emerson, Boston; Col. W. M. Mumm, Columbus, O.; Col. James E. McNary, New York, and Col. James Hollers, San Antonio.

General Evans, until relief from active duty May 18 to assume his new post, was senior member of the nine-officer War Department committee on reserve policies. His departure leaves Col. Russell Y. Moore, NGUS, as senior member of the group, and Col. Frank H. Holden, ORC, as senior Reserve officer.

General Evans' replacement has not yet been named.

Wac Enlistment Age Limit Lowered From 50 To 38

WASHINGTON.—Lowering of the age limit for enlistment in the Women's Army Corps from 50 to 38 years was announced by the War Department.

The move is aimed at putting women in the service on the same

basis as men and is in line with the policy of a general scheduled reduction of age throughout the service wherever it can be accomplished without crippling the efficiency of the Army.

It also was announced that women enlisted after May 12, 1945, would not be eligible for discharge because of separation of their husbands from the Armed Forces until they have been on duty in the WAC for one year. Women enlisted before that time may be granted discharge upon request if their husbands are discharged from any of the services.

An estimated 8000 enlisted women in the WAC are eligible to request discharge under the recently announced policy of authorizing discharge for service men and women 40 years of age or over who have served one year of active duty.

House Approves Special 'Medal' For Roosevelt

WASHINGTON.—When John McCormack (Mass.), agreed to substitute the word "Special" for "Congressional" in his bill authorizing posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to Franklin D. Roosevelt, the measure passed the House of Representatives Monday.

Insistence that the legislation should provide for a "Special Medal of Honor" and not the "Congressional Medal of Honor" was by Rep. John M. Robison (R., Ky.), who succeeded also in having the Democratic House Leader agree to delete direct identification of Mr. Roosevelt as "Commander in Chief."

Report Bill Easing Payment For Loss

WASHINGTON.—Legislation already approved by the House, designed to extend right of Army personnel to reimbursement for personal property loss, has been passed by the Senate and sent to the President.

The bill would amend such laws that fail to provide repayment for personal losses to a soldier who escapes from a burning barracks only with his life, but does permit reimbursement to one who removes any piece of Army property, however small.

President Orders QM To Operate Machine Plant

WASHINGTON.—President Truman gave orders to the Quartermaster Corps this week to take over and operate the Cocker Machine & Foundry Company, of Gastonia, N. C., where a strike has been in progress for some time, restricting production of textile machinery used in the making of tire material.

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First Group Of 85-Pointers, 15,000, Headed Home June 1

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, Paris.—Fifteen thousand men—the first group of veterans over the interim critical score of 85 points to be released from the European Theater of Operations—will head for home by June 1, Headquarters, ETO, announces. Officers constitute less than 2 per cent of the total.

The group is composed almost entirely of men with combat experience. Twelve thousand come from the 12th Army Group, 3000 from the 6th Army Group, and 500

from the Air Forces.

Restricted this month because of a shortage of transportation, the quota will be substantially increased next month. It will include Army Service Forces men, and more men from the Air Force.

Each division was assigned its proportionate share of this month's quota, ETO Headquarters said. Divisions deepest in Germany, where transportation facilities are poor, will fly their men to the processing centers if necessary.

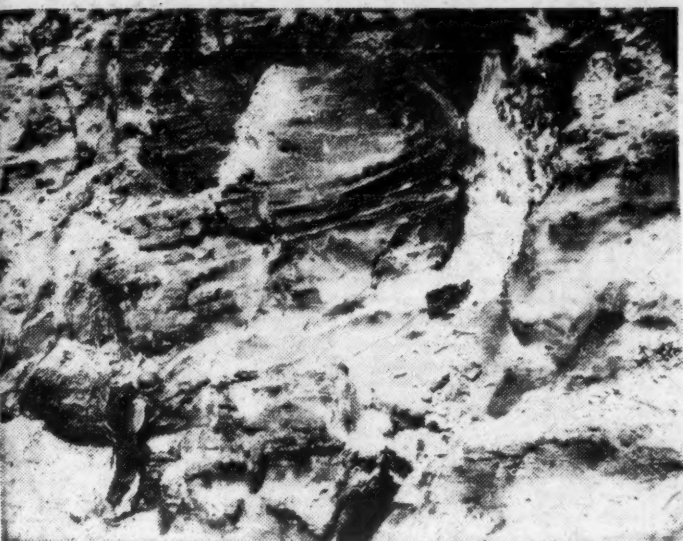
The men started pouring into a staging area near Le Havre last

Sunday. Within six days, the entire 15,000 gathered and organized into groups according to the reception station they wish to be sent to on their arrival in the United States. Shipments will be made, however, so that all members of a unit arrive in the United States aboard the same ship.

By June 1, all will have embarked for the journey home.

Also leaving Europe will be the last of the 8000 men returning this month for rehabilitation and recuperation leaves. Selected for leave before R-Day, many of these men have point scores over 85, and may be discharged in the United States, it was pointed out. Few of them are expected to return to the European Theater.

Shipment of men over 42 has already started. It is expected that by the end of June all enlisted men over 42—an estimated 11,000—will have been sent home for discharge.



—Signal Corps Photo

CLEANING UP ON IWO JIMA! Army flame thrower man advances to the mouth of a cave suspected of housing Japs and pours a second helping of deadly flame into the hole.

War Painting Presented Marshall By GI Artist

WASHINGTON.—A soldier-artist of this war has presented Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief-of-Staff, with an oil painting of one of World War 1's great real life scenes, that of a group of American doughboys singing in a little French church during a pause on their way to the final American advance to the heights of Sedan. The incident took place in the village of Vaux, a few kilometers south of Sedan, the day before our troops reached that vicinity.

The artist is S/Sgt. Wallace E. Brodeur, whose canvases of Army life have already been exhibited throughout the United States and who is now teaching art to wounded veterans in the Percy Jones Convalescent Hospital at Battle Creek, Mich.

General Marshall thanked Sergeant Brodeur, praised his work and had the painting hung in his office at the War Department. It

was drawn faithfully from a photograph snapped by an Army picture man who happened into the church at Vaux, France, when the troops were there. The photograph is General Marshall's favorite of all the World War 1 collection. The camera caught in the faces of these American soldiers and in their attitudes the solemn meaning of this moment in their lives.

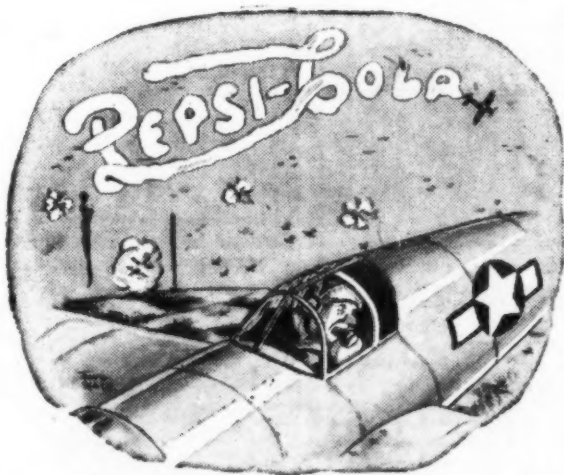
The day was Nov. 5, 1918, just one week before the Armistice. The men were troops of the 317th and 319th Ambulance Companies, 305th Sanitary Train. They had halted in their march and entered the church for a brief rest before pushing on north toward Sedan. One of their number had seated himself at the organ in front of the altar. He was playing while many of his comrades, standing and flanking him on either side, were singing. Not all were singing. Not all were even standing. Every soldier was serious in mien and the expression on the faces of many was indicative of religious exaltation.

Sergeant Brodeur was selected to do the painting of the World War 1 photograph. A preliminary sketch was approved by General Marshall. Then the soldier-artist searched fruitlessly for proper canvas. Finally he procured a slab of wallboard, applied a special base to it and set about painting.

TC Moves Supplies

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS.—Trucks and trains of the Transportation Corps and planes of the Air Transport Command moved more than 750,000 tons of supplies across the east of the Rhine River between March 25 and May 2 in support of the 1st, 3rd, 7th, 9th and 15th U. S. Armies.

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VE-Day Brings Turn-Around Of 89 Cargo Ships At Sea

WASHINGTON.—More than 800,000 measurement tons of cargo on ships and nearly 200,000 tons of railroad freight were turned around by the Army from May 2 through May 10 to stop the flow of combat supplies to Europe, thus accomplishing the first step in the Army's supply turn-around program.

Eighty-nine ships were stopped at sea or returned from foreign ports without discharging all of their cargo. Thirteen other ships, fully loaded, were held at anchor and will be diverted direct to the Pacific. Loading of non-essential military cargo in other ships was halted.

East coast ports halted unloading and Eastern railroads stopped in transit a total of over 700,000 freight cars. One thousand seventy-nine cars were permitted to go on to port for export, while 6033 others were diverted to inland depots and holding and reconsignment points.

The huge turnaround was accomplished by two principal divisions of the Army Transportation Corps: the Water Division, headed by Brig. Gen. J. M. Franklin, and the Traffic Control Division, Brig. Gen. William J. Williamson, Commanding.

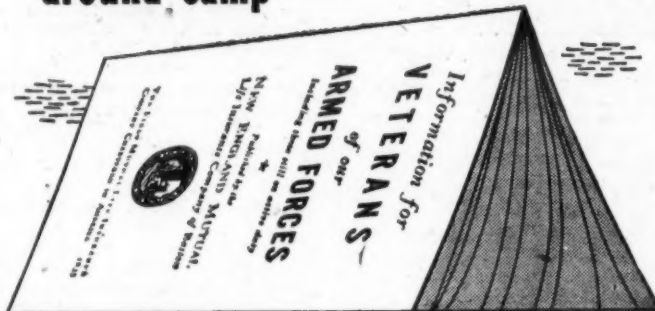
Plans for rolling back the huge flow of freight to Europe after VE-Day were established nearly a year ago.

Limited Lend-Lease Will Be Continued

WASHINGTON.—President Truman has advised congress that lend-lease, on a reduced schedule, will be continued until Japan is defeated.

He also directed four Government agencies to satisfy "the minimum civilian requirements" of the liberated countries of Northwest Europe.

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Facts Needed—Not Foolishness!

The manner in which the chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs has conducted the investigation of the Veterans Administration has been most disappointing to the Veterans Administration, the veterans and the public.

Playing a dogmatic role as defender rather than investigator Chairman Rankin's performance reached such a level that the serious, conscientious members of the committee were forced to shout him down in order to hear the testimony of the witnesses.

The conduct of Representative Rankin has given many people the impression that the Veterans Administration might be trying to dodge the issue. That is most unfortunate. General Hines welcomed the investigation and would no doubt be much satisfied if any irregularities in his administration were noted so they can be corrected rather than have a bit of "whitewash" applied.

The Veterans Administration is faced by a task of almost unbelievable proportions. If it is to function properly it must have the cooperation of veterans and the public. It cannot have this cooperation unless the veterans and public are assured by facts and figures that the VA is doing its best.

In the event that Chairman Rankin manages to out-shout his committee and succeeds in closing the investigation with no more serious action than an attempt to cite a writer for contempt we suggest that the veterans' organizations release to the public the reports of the investigations conducted by them at the request of General Hines.

Non-Combatant Medal Needed!

One of the best suggestions to reach our desk in a long time comes from T/4 Fred W. Sample, columnist for the Northington General Hospital News.

Columnist Sample proposes a medal similar to the Purple Heart for the men who were injured in the line of duty, though not in combat.

"There are hundreds in Army hospitals... who crashed in training, who were engulfed in flames when GI gasoline trucks ran off roads in black-outs, who suffered loss of limbs, eyes or other injuries behind the lines... while preparing for combat," Sample writes.

There are many others that he fails to mention, soldiers with tropical diseases resulting from tours of duty along the equator, the fellow who lost an eye and hand when a dud exploded on the firing range.

There is a definite need for some medal to honor these soldiers. It may be well to follow Sample's suggestion and let your congressional representative know how you feel.

We Are Very Pleased!

We are very pleased that the War Department has made it possible for men 40 years of age or over to secure a discharge. We are even more pleased that the War Department plans to reduce the age limit when the military situation permits.

In view of the cut in draft quotas and the relaxing of deferment regulations governing men over 30 we are hopeful that it will not be too long before other oldsters are given an opportunity to apply for discharge.

A Bit Of Japanowledge!

Despite the terrific blows made against Japan by our great air fleet it is well to remember that a great share of her industries are scattered over a 2,106,000-mile area in Manchuria, Korea and China and that Japan controls a potential pool of 400,000,000 slave laborers in her conquered territories.

Army Approves, House Unit Votes

\$10 Monthly For Medical Badge

WASHINGTON.—Legislation providing extra pay of \$10 a month for holders of the Medical Badge authorized by the War Department on

March 1 has been reported to the House Military Committee by its decorations and pay subcommittee and will be taken up by the full committee within a week or two.

A STUDY IN PRINTS!



At Your Service

Q. My son, while in combat school, was accidentally wounded by another American soldier in his own outfit. Is my son eligible to receive the Purple Heart Award if his wound necessitated medical treatment even though the wound was inflicted by an American soldier? Mrs. G.F.

A. No; under such conditions no Purple Heart would be awarded.

Q. I was a member of the 182nd Infantry Regiment when it started the first of its series of battles on Guadalcanal. I was evacuated from the island on the 28th of Feb., 1943, and after several months at a base hospital I was returned to the U. S. for further treatment. Would I be entitled to wear the Guadalcanal shoulder patch? W.C.W.

A. There is no specific "Guadalcanal" shoulder patch for the Army. An Army man would not be eligible to wear the Marine Corps Guadalcanal shoulder patch.

Q. Just what are the special duties of personnel of an Air Engineering Squadron? Mrs. B.F.B.

A. Aviation engineer units are organized to meet the AAF's needs for work in theaters of operations. Work of the units consists primarily of construction, maintenance, defense and camouflage of air-dromes. The construction tasks range from hasty clearance by airborne aviation engineers of advanced landing fields to construction of large base 'dromes in rear areas. In all cases, speed of construction bears the emphasis. The Engineer Aviation Battalion is the basic construction unit of the aviation engineers and is organized and equipped to construct air-dromes rapidly.

Q. How much does a commissioned officer contribute to the officers' mess while on combat duty? Is it a definite sum, or does it vary according to the figures compiled by the Quartermaster Corps? C.L.G.

A. The Quartermaster Corps does not have a fixed fee. The fee is determined by the commander in the individual theater.

Q. Will the War Department permit a commissioned officer who is serving in the European Theater and who is found to be surplus, to obtain his separation from the service and remain in Europe, if he requests it? Will the Department discharge an enlisted man, on his own request, overseas, if the man desires to remain in Europe and is declared surplus under the partial demobilization plan? C.X.V.

A. Yes, either a commissioned officer or an enlisted man may obtain

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his release and remain abroad if in the case of an officer (a) he is declared nonessential not only to his own branch, but also to all Army branches and (b) he has a valid reason for remaining in Europe, such as having his family already living there, or being employed there by a U. S. company, or any other similar good reason. An enlisted man may obtain his discharge abroad under similar conditions.

Q. Was the Distinguished Flying Cross ever awarded to members of the Air Force for completing a specific number of missions over enemy territory? J.B.W.

A. Officially, the DFC is not awarded for a specific number of missions. It is sometimes awarded after the completion of a certain number of flights in some theaters, but officially always for "meritorious achievement" and not for the completion of these flights.

Q. What is the meaning of T-127 in the following address: "T-127 2nd Platoon, APO 551, C/o p.m., New York." Miss M.F.

A. Training Unit 127.

Q. What is the rank and pay grade of a Third Officer with the Army transport service? E.R.S.

A. The rank, designation and rates of pay applicable to civilian marine personnel employed for the position of Third Officer on vessels operated by or under the jurisdiction of the Transportation Corps, engaged in transport and inter-island operation, are as follows: Assimilated Army Rank, First Lieutenant, \$2400 per annum to serve as 3rd Officer. For inter-island service, assimilated Army Rank is Second Lieutenant, \$2200 per annum to serve as Third Officer (IS).

Q. The following appears on the papers of a 2nd Lt. who has been placed on inactive duty: TDN. TPA. What do these mean? E.B.G.

A. TDN means "Travel direct is necessary in military service." TPA means "Travel by officer or his dependents by privately owned automobile is authorized."

Letters

Gentlemen:

It may interest you to know that the "Polar Tech," published at Sioux Falls Field, S. D., suggested that combat returnees be permitted to wear their overseas insignia as an additional shoulder patch on the right arm. It is our belief that Polar Tech, in making the editorial suggestion Jan. 26, may have been responsible for its adoption.

Jack Fleischer,
Editor.

Gentlemen:

I would like to contact some of the men who were with my son, Pvt. Harry E. Van Tuyle, Jr., Co. L, 315th Infantry, APO 79, c/o P. M., New York, when he was killed in action Nov. 22, 1944.

Mrs. H. E. Van Tuyle,
1212 Robinson St.,
Danville, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I noted the article titled "Shortest Pass on Record Issued to Absent-Minded GI." His time was 30 seconds.

In his organization a Pvt. Henry B. Hill requested a pass to pick up some dry-cleaning just off the field. 1st/Sgt. William J. Hearn, as tough as an Alberta peach seed, at first denied the pass but at last allowed him one for 15 minutes. With the aid of a bicycle Private Hill made it with two minutes to spare.

But if Sergeant Hearn had granted a pass on Hill's original request of 10 minutes he would have been three minutes AWOL.

T/Sgt. Ollie F. Volking,
Keesler Field, Miss.

Gentlemen:

In a recent issue of Army Times I noted a story about a Crowder GI getting the only known Good Conduct Medal. The undersigned along with the entire overseas command at APO 855, PM, Miami, Fla., was awarded the medal in the early part of 1944. The order under which we got the medal was later rescinded.

All enlisted men who are entitled to the medal can get it by submitting a requisition through channels to the Quartermaster.

Cpl. Jack Hurley,
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Gentlemen:

As one of the more fortunate ones who had a chance to talk to Ernie Pyle all I can say is that as long as a memorial is built to a great guy it doesn't make much difference what kind it is.

A Veteran,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

I am an ex-soldier and although I never met Ernie Pyle I would like to see a monument erected in his home town.

Pyle Booster,
Blythe, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Your editorial on "Oldsters" hits the nail on the head.

Pfc. L. M. L.,
APO 826.

Gentlemen:

My husband is an attorney in civilian life. In the Army he is a corporal. Certainly a man of his age (38) is of more value to his nation as a civilian.

Mrs. M. S.,
Laurel, Md.

Gentlemen:

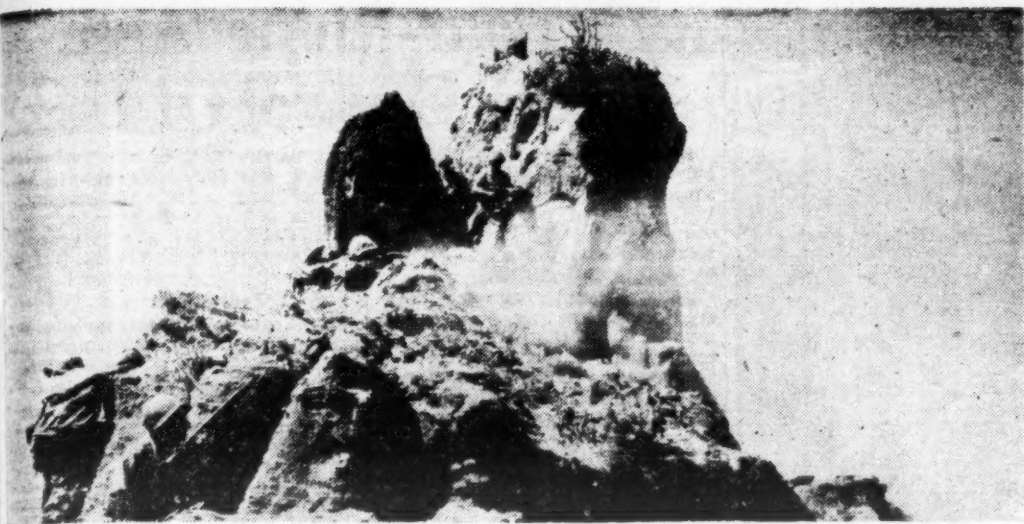
In all these surveys the Army has seemed to miss an important point. There are so few older men that their voices are drowned out by the younger voices. The survey taken by the Army was as phoney as a Republican primary in Mississippi.

Cpl. C. J. F.,
Charleston, S. C.

Gentlemen:

I would like to ask every brass hat in the War Department this question—"How would you like to start your career at 35 years of age or over?"

Mrs. Mildred Berger,
Uvalde, Tex.



TWO U. S. ARMY riflemen hold their carbines and submachine gun "at the ready" to drop any Japs flushed by BAR fire in mopping-up operation on Iwo Jima. —Signal Corps Photo

Book Notes

Secret Mission Submarine

By Lt. N. L. A. Jewell, R. N., as told to Cedric Carnes. (Ziff Davis Publishing Co., New York, \$2.00.)

Two of the most dramatic incidents of the war hinged on the British undersea craft, the Seraph: the visit of Lt. Gen. Mark Clark and party to Africa to pave the way for the Allied invasion and the snatching of Gen. Henri Honore Giraud from under the very nose of the Nazis. The story of these two secret missions is here told by the very young skipper of the Seraph.

Now that all the facts of these two expeditions are history, the book is somewhat outdated. As a modern adventure story it is tops.

The picture of life on a submarine is fascinating—the tiresome labor, compressed living quarters, topsy-turvy life (work by night, sleep by day) and splendid team work of a submarine crew. This is the only war book to date on the part the "Silent Service" plays, and it is hoped an American counterpart will be soon forthcoming.

Skipper Jewell and his crew found the Americans and their ways quite strange. Out of their enforced companionship and shared danger grew great mutual admiration and respect. Certain instances were, however, so strange, Jewell could not resist reporting them. While General Clark and company hid ignominiously in the cellar of that African farmhouse, one Britisher threatened to cough. Clark gave him gum. "This gum has no flavor," he muttered. "What the hell do you expect?" retorted Clark. "I've been chewing on it myself for over an hour."

Veteran's Guide

A 32-page booklet covering all present phases of veterans' rights and benefits, by Dallas Johnson. (Public Affairs Committee, Inc., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 30, N. Y., 10c.)

Beginning with the activities at Army or Navy discharge centers, Veteran's Guide details simply and accurately what lies ahead for the veteran and explains how he may avail himself of the rights and benefits provided by law.

All of the facts contained in Veteran's Guide were checked with the government and private agencies concerned.

The booklet discusses problems faced by veterans in general and analyzes educational and loan provisions of the laws, the chances of getting a job and how business and labor may help, unemployment compensation, medical care, pensions and all such matters of interest.

Reference Map Of The Pacific Ocean

(Rand-McNally, New York, 50c.)

An accurate and colorful map showing the entire Pacific War Theatre with 29 large-scale insets of island groups. On the reverse side is a Startoview Global Map showing eastern Asia in perspective as viewed from above the Philippine Sea. Size: 42" x 28".

Rep. Luce Advocates Release Of Oldsters

WASHINGTON. — Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R., Conn.) this week joined Army Times in its already partially successful campaign to convince the War Department that Army "oldsters"—men who have past their 35th birthdays—should be permitted to apply for immediate discharge.

Mrs. Luce took up the fight for the oldsters when she urged that, regardless of points, every enlisted man over 36 who has served overseas be discharged because "this is a young man's war and in the Pacific rigors of climate put an even higher premium on youth."

The Connecticut congresswoman also urged that men from the European theater be given a furlough home immediately on arrival in this country "to size up the situation, get used to their families and think over what they want to do" before they are given their discharges.

In a later interview, Mrs. Luce amplified her ideas concerning the discharge of men over 36 and urged consideration for Army Times' claim that the "oldsters" face a serious problem in the postwar period if they are forced to remain in the Army as long as younger men and thus, upon discharge, will have to compete with youngsters in a tight labor market.

Four days after Army Times came out editorially in behalf of

the oldsters the War Department ordered the release of all men over 42 and this week dropped the age to permit the discharge of men over 40.

Mrs. Luce said there was "great merit" in the suggestion that men beyond 36 years of age with overseas service be discharged.

She declared that the oldsters have earned the opportunity to get a little head start on readjusting themselves to civilian life, and pointed out that most of them have families and do not have the financial reserves to compete with youth for the jobs they must have if they are to assume their rightful place in the civilian community.

Reporting on some of her observations during her recent trip to European battlefronts, Mrs. Luce said that the occupation of Germany will be far more difficult than it was in 1918 "because of the longer time away from home, the severity of past campaigns, the non-fraternization policy and the fact that we must go to war against Japan."

She said she was ready to "march right up to the hot subject of non-fraternization." Before V-E Day, she said, this policy was a military necessity, but now it was simply political policy which would take "tremendous skill and tact and firmness to enforce for any length of time."

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Senate Passes Regular Army Enlistment Bill

WASHINGTON.—Passed by the Senate May 21, and with the House due to accept a Senate amendment before the end of this week, legislation to reopen Regular Army enlistments will be law soon.

The Senate amendment limits enlistments to 280,000.

Plans to put the new enlistment law in operation are being drafted by the Adjutant General's Office for submission to the General Staff within the next few days.

These plans are not yet crystallized, but it is understood that if the number of applicants for enlistment exceeds the 280,000 enlistments to be made some sort of selection will be undertaken to insure that draftees as well as former Regulars who want Army careers have a chance at them.

GIs who want an Army career and who are now eligible for discharge are advised that remaining in service will improve their chances for enlistment. The pending bill provides that enlistments in the Regular Army can be given only to those who enlist or re-enlist within three months of honorable discharge.

Those accepted for the enlistments—which are for three years or for the duration and six months, whichever is longer—will be discharged from the AUS and then enlisted.

Enlistment allowances will be paid.

For the old Regulars these allowances will amount to substantial sums, in some cases as much as \$300.

Enlistment allowances amount to \$50 for each year of service in the prior enlistment, including extensions, for men in the first three grades, and \$25 a year for the lower four grades. National Guard or AUS men who enlist under the pending bill will receive the same allowance, provided they have had at least a year of active service, for each year of continuous active federal service before "shipping over."

There are about 500,000 old

Regulars in the Army, many with considerable service toward retirement to protect, and enlistments undoubtedly will be offered to all those who are suitable Army material. Thus there may not be a great number of vacancies for those who entered the Army after 1940.

Rank in which enlistments will be offered has not been definitely decided, but Regulars probably will be enlisted in old temporary grade, paid the allowance on that basis, and then promoted to temporary grade held in the AUS. Reserve component men probably will be enlisted in grade of private, then promoted to the grade held at time of discharge from the AUS.

"Mr. Fix-It" When He Comes In, Goes Out Pastry Baker

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—There are queer remodeling tricks in the Army. In civilian life before enlistment, Pfc. Luther Adams was a general repair handyman in Klamath County, Ore. After 30 months in the service he's now an apt pastry baker and he was assured of a job in his newly acquired trade when he left here, an "over 42 dischargee."



—Air Forces ATC Photo

CHAMPION SKY CLERIC, Lt. Col. Joseph D. Andrew, Division Chaplain of the European Division, Air Forces ATC, provides spiritual guidance for the thousands of officers, soldiers and Wacs serving along the 14,500-mile supply routes stretching throughout Europe. In 28 months, he has flown more than 45,000 air-miles. He carries a portable altar to conduct services at isolated ATC bases.

Non-Regulars Offered Grades In Reserve In Highest War Rank

WASHINGTON.—Commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps in the highest temporary rank held on relief from active duty will be offered to all qualified officers holding commissions in the Army of the United States, it was announced this week.

The policy will be extended to all other grades—enlisted, warrant officer, flight officer—if the Judge Advocate General of the Army finds a legal basis for such action, it is understood.

The offer of rank in the Reserves equivalent to highest rank held upon relief from active duty was

recommended some weeks ago by the nine-officer reserve policy committee which until last week was headed by Brig. Gen. E. L. Evans, now secretary of the Reserve Officers' Association. The recommendation was recently approved by the General Staff, but has been put into effect only for officers for the time being.

To be eligible for the reserve commission, the officer must be physically qualified for general or limited service and must have a record of satisfactory and honorable commissioned service during the war.

Appointments will be for an initial period of five years, as in the past.

Some temporary adjustments in rank, however, probably will have to be made in the cases of younger reserve officers called to postwar extended active duty with the Regular Army or National Guard in order that the reservists will not outrank their Regular or Guard contemporaries. Details of these adjustments, which will depend upon conditions in the future, have not yet been determined.

Official surveys of military personnel indicate that approximately

Rich Saar-Rhine Area Under Control Of U.S.

SHAEF, Paris.—Early signs of efficient administration of 14,000 square miles of Germany by the United States occupation forces were reported by correspondents this week following a hurried tour of southwest Germany.

Simultaneously, Supreme headquarters disclosed for the first time that the U. S. 15th Army's zone of occupation now includes everything between the Rhine and the German border, from Wesel in the north to Karlsruhe in the south, and a small triangle east of the Rhine from Coblenze north to Dortmund.

The 15th thus is governing ap-

proximately 14,000 square miles including the rich Saar basin, the Rhine valley and the western half of the industrial Ruhr. Aachen, Bonn, Cologne, Trier, Saarbrücken and Dusseldorf are under its jurisdiction.

Zone Not Final

It is expected that some of the present zone will be taken over by the French and British when final occupation plans are complete.

Mark S. Watson, correspondent for Sunpapers, in a radio dispatch this week, reported that he had completed a tour of southwest Germany "with a feeling of encouragement over the prospects of our coming labors as an occupying army."

"Repeatedly one finds our principal administrations taking over their large task with a firmness and understanding far more apparent than in much of the experimental work which was done by our smaller command units operating in the western Rhineland last winter when our conquests were of only limited territory," Watson wrote.

The Sunpapers correspondent said that one of the principal factors was that the Army's top commanders no longer must give their entire attention to exacting combat requirements.

Gerow Good Administrator

He said Lt. Gen. Leonard Gerow, commanding general of the 15th Army, "has repeatedly given an impressive demonstration of keen administrative ability during his days in the field."

While military governors have no definite information on the present civilian populace of the American zone, in pre-war years approximately 11,000,000 persons lived in the region.

Already some 5000 square miles of the area has been turned over to non-Nazi administrators with American military authorities exercising a supervisory role over the German administrators.

The present makeup of General Gerow's 15th Army includes: the 22nd Corps under Maj. Gen. Ernest N. Harmon, former commander of the 2nd Armored Division, and the 23rd Corps under Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Gaffey, former commander of the 4th Armored Division.

Divisions so far identified are the 94th Infantry, commanded by Maj. Gen. H. J. Maloney; the 28th Infantry, commanded by Maj. Gen. Norman D. Cota; the 66th Infantry under Maj. Gen. H. F. Kramer, and the 17th Airborne Division under Maj. Gen. William M. Miles. In addition there are numerous non-division units of all branches of the service.

In the job of policing Germany many troops and units have new duties at variance with their previous training. More than 40 field artillery battalions have been drawn in to augment infantrymen in patrolling areas as security guards and military policemen. Cavalry units serve as mobile reserves, to utilize their speed and heavy fire power in the event of large-scale disorders.

The bulk of the 15th's headquarters personnel arrived in France last December but the Army received no tactical assignment until the end of the war was already in sight. The army actually operated only as a holding force in its few assignments and finished the European war without having had any real combat.

Prescribe Low Shoes

WASHINGTON.—Low-quarter tan shoes may be issued to Army personnel in place of service shoes or combat boots in cases where loss of all or part of the foot, wearing of orthopedic braces or other foot conditions make wearing of low shoes necessary.

These issues are in addition to those previously authorized to certain classes of personnel by table of equipment No. 21.

Sales Talk Gets 80 Nazi Guests To Yank PW Cage

WITH THE 84TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany.—Before the Russian link-up in the Rall-splitter sector of the Elbe River front, infantrymen with an eye to the future brushed up on their salesmanship. After several days of yelling across the river to the Germans, Lt. Walter R. Starks, Carthage, Ark., commanding Company G, 333rd Infantry, and his men, crossed the river in a boat, talked things over with the Germans and sold 80 of them the comforts of our Yank prisoner cages.

USO Gal Nicknamed 'Miss Penicillin'; Cures Homesick GIs

NEW YORK.—Gertrude Briefer is Brooklyn's "Miss Marco Polo." As the most traveled USO-Camp Shows trouper, she has covered more than 170,000 miles of battle area in three-action-packed years. Her titian tresses are as familiar to GIs in Asia, Africa, Australia and Europe as their mothers' pictures and their buddies' birthmarks.

The beautiful Miss B has a record of fascinating firsts. She was a member of the first Camp Shows unit to tour Africa after the invasion . . . lipstick ambassador to thousands of home-hungry Yanks. She was the first white woman to perform for servicemen stationed on the Galapagos Islands . . . hence her exotic title of Princess of the Galapagos. She returned to the States aboard the vessel carrying the first group of liberated American prisoners of war . . . and was christened Miss Penicillin because she was more effective than the drug, they said. In fact, military men throughout the world know pretty Gertrude as "That Rovin' Redhead."

President Approves Vice Ban Extension

WASHINGTON.—Legislation extending life of the federal ban against prostitution near military and naval stations has been approved by President Truman.

The original "May Act" of July 11, 1941, which expired May 15, 1945, was praised by Secretary of War Stimson as being "of great aid" in protection of personnel from venereal diseases and immoral influences.

Poor Maggie Now Short On Shorts

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—In this Wac-less camp, the term "Maggie's Drawers" is only a derogatory appellation for the range-fired shot which completely missed the target—not so now though, inasmuch as T/5 Euile Bennet, Jacksonville, Fla., Hq. Det. clerk, got two sets of Wac panties returned with his laundry. Now nobody believes anybody around here.



—Air Forces Photo

SUPERFORT'S BRAKES LOCKED while returning from a strike over Tokyo and the huge B-29 of the 21st Bomber Command, coming into Iwo Jima for an emergency landing, careened into the flight line, plowed through four Mustang fighters, and burst into flames. Two members of the crew were hospitalized for burns, two others suffered minor burns and the remainder escaped unhurt. Men in the foreground crouch behind a jeep to avoid exploding ammunition.



—38th Infantry Division Photo

COCKY BUT JUSTIFIED, this bold billboard erected by the famed Jap-killing 38th Infantry Division is proudly inspected by two GIs. Placed high in the hills of Zig Zag Pass in northern Bataan, it marks the scene of the bitter, bloody battle for the strategic road across the neck of the Bataan Peninsula.

Leavenworth, Fort Sill Teachings Pay Off

WITH THE 27TH INFANTRY DIVISION, on Okinawa.—War in the Ryukyus has brought on new and unorthodox tactics from an artillery viewpoint. For the first time in the history of warfare an entire field artillery of an army is living and fighting from underground positions.

The underground artillery campaign that the Japs are waging combines the lessons learned on Saipan, the Philippines and other of their one-time Pacific holdings. In an interview, Brig. Gen. J. R. Sheets, XXIV Corps Artillery commander, told of Japanese artillery tactics employed in the defense of Okinawa.

"It was recognized early in the battle by all artillerymen that the method of area shooting that we used on other operations was ineffective against these dug-in tar-

gets. On Saipan and the Philippines enemy guns were above the ground but here practically all installations are completely buried underground. It takes a direct hit to destroy those guns."

The Japs wheel their artillery pieces to the mouth of concrete-lined caves, fire and then wheel them to another section of the caves that extends into tunnels. These tunnels have as many as 40 different firing emplacements. The Japs are forever shifting their guns.

"We have been destroying Jap guns by careful, methodical shelling," General Sheets said. "The method used is not new. We have simply put in effect what we have been teaching our artillery officers at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and Fort Sill, Okla. This is, however, the first operation that called for using precision shelling."

Behind the actual shelling of the Jap positions is aerial observation, the study of photographs. Artillery "spotter" planes scout out targets, mark them. These are the known methods of the concentrated search in tracking down hidden enemy artillery. Once an installation is spotted, the Japs and their guns are dead pigeons.

Round after round of artillery fire is poured down on the cave till a direct hit knocks it out. So accurate has been the fire that prisoners almost always express a kind of awe. The best testimony of bull's-eye shooting was the 600 Jap bodies stacked in the cave, killed by artillery shells.

Nurse Draft Off; Volunteers Will Meet New Quotas

WASHINGTON.—Plans to draft nurses for service in the armed forces are off, both Army and Congressional authorities agree.

With war over in Europe, Army expects to get the nurses it needs by voluntary recruitments. Although it is now 9000 short of the 60,000 quota established in January, readjustment of needs may even make it possible to release some nurses of long service although definite decision has not been made on this point.

Navy Nurse Corps, which already has filled its 11,500 quota, does not plan to release any nurses.

The nurse draft bill, already passed by the House and reported to the Senate, can be revived if it is needed, officials point out.

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Ease Maternity, Child Care Act For Wives Of Lower Rank Men

WASHINGTON.—Maternity and child care for wives and children of enlisted personnel in the four lower pay grades shall be provided even though the man dies or is honorably discharged before application for benefits is made if the wife became pregnant during his term of service, the House Appropriations Committee has ordered.

The committee made this clear in its formal report last week on the 1946 Labor Department appropriation bill, just passed by the House.

The statement followed testimony by Children's Bureau officials during hearings on the bill that on the

advice of Labor Department legal authorities it had been ruled that if application for care was made and accepted before the husband was discharged from service, care could be continued to completion, but that the government was not authorized to approve care after discharge of the husband.

Testimony disclosed that the new authority is becoming of increasing importance as rate of discharge goes up.

"One state agency reported to us, not long ago that within the three months previous to the time of their report, some 2000 such cases had come to their attention, requesting

such care where the man had been discharged prior to the application of the wife," Miss Katherine F. Lenroot, chief, Children's Bureau, told the committee.

"According to our present policy, care could not be given," she added.

The Children's Bureau has issued an order, with approval of the committee, that a single application for maternity care will also cover child care during the first year after birth. Previously, a second application had to be made after birth in order for a child to receive medical care.

The new order will be mandatory upon the participating states after July 1, 1945, and in the meantime, any state which wishes to dispense with the second application may do so.

A child is entitled to care during the first year of life, from the date the soldier goes into service, even though it may have been born before the father entered service, it has been decided.

The committee recommended the full budget estimate of \$44,189,500 for maternity and child care for the year beginning July 1.

Through April 30, a total of 801,909 applications for maternity and child care had been received by the Children's Bureau. The bureau estimated that 1944 cases covered about one-sixth of the total live births in the United States. It also was estimated that between 75 and 80 per cent of eligible wives having children took advantage of the benefits of the maternity-child care program.

Special Wing CO Benefits Are Tossed Out By MA Committee

WASHINGTON.—Legislation which would prevent accrual of special retirement benefits to Air Corps officers who serve as wing commanders has been reported to the House by its Military Affairs Committee.

The bill was suggested by the War Department, which pointed out that when the special retirement benefits for wing commanders were provided,

those officers commanded the largest units in the General Headquarters Air Force, but that higher echelons, such as the air forces, now have been organized.

The department asked only a wartime suspension of the special retirement benefits, but the Senate eliminated them permanently and the House Military Committee adopted the Senate's stand.



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TAKING IT EASY at the AG&SF Redistribution Station at Miami Beach, Fla., is Lt. Billie A. Burdill, of Joliet, Ill., who served 10 months in the Southwest Pacific and who was one of the first Wacs to reach New Guinea.

Love Divine, But Duty Comes First

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Miss Lottie Warcholik and Capt. Michael Gierlak, both of Oil City, Pa., were just married at Grove Park Inn, a unit of the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station, where the captain was awaiting reassignment after a tour of duty overseas.

During the luncheon reception at the Battery Park Hotel, the captain looked at his watch, quickly kissed the bride and said, "Good-bye, honey; I'm off to an orientation class."



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Army Leaders Amplify Furlough, Redeployment Details In Film

WASHINGTON.—"Only a few, if any, of the combat divisions in Europe will be shipped directly to the Pacific," Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander, states in an Army motion picture, "On to Tokyo," which will be released in American and Army theaters on May 31.

Service force men in Europe, slated for the Pacific, by contrast probably will not get furloughs in the United States, Gen. Brehon Somervell, commanding general, ASF, points out.

These two officers, together with Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff; Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commanding general, AAF, and Secretary of War Stimson, answer the questions about redeployment, partial demobilization, and the future of the war against Japan which are most commonly asked by men in the field. GIs post the questions.

The 17-minute film, a sequel to "Two Down and One to Go," was produced under direction of Col. Frank Capra.

General Dwight E. Eisenhower said the reason why his forces are needed in the Pacific is that we have only cracked Japan's outer defenses. "The real strength

is in the Japanese homeland and in China. One million Japs have been defeated, but there are four million to be defeated, and every year there are one million more Jap recruits coming up.

General Somervell said most service force units in the beginning will not send them to the Pacific. He replied: "All combat divisions and the major part of our air service forces are already overseas and have been for months. Replacements are being trained and sent overseas to replace veteran combat men with highest priority credit scores."

General Stilwell said most service force units in the beginning will go direct to the Pacific from Europe. The need for them is imperative to build bases, ports, communications and power lines, to prepare the way for, and aid combat troops. Along with them will go air crews, air ground forces and fresh combat troops. "We've got the Jap off balance. We must not give him a single moment's breathing spell to regain his strength."

General Eisenhower said only a few, if any, of the combat divisions in Europe will be shipped directly to the Pacific, also that it will be several months before the bulk of the men in Europe eligible for discharge can be started home, due to shipping limitations.

General Arnold stated that air transportation facilities will certainly be used to some extent to fly surplus men home from Europe. He said: "Naturally we will use every airplane we can spare from fighting the Japs to get the soldiers back home. The sick and the wounded will, of course, get first priority for travel by air."

General Marshall was asked will the British fight Japan, too. He replied: "The entire British fleet and the major portions of their air forces and army will now be used against Japan." Asked about rotation from the Pacific, Marshall said: "The rotation system of furloughs will continue in the Pacific.

Ship spaces have been allotted for that purpose."

General Arnold was asked why not let the Navy and the Air Force do the job in the Pacific. He said: "Air power has two functions: Strategically, to destroy the enemy's ability to make war by smashing his factories, his source of oil and gasoline, his railroads, his bridges, his equipment; tactically, to prepare and soften the way for ground action by isolating the battlefield and co-operating in the battle itself, by both men to drive his air army from the sky. However, there are three vital members of this war team—land, sea and air. To win this war against Japan in the shortest possible time with the least losses, we must hit them with everything that we have, using the same team plays that have worked so successfully against Germany."

Asked what we will get out of defeating Japan, Secretary of War Stimson said in part: "Everything. At Pearl Harbor, the Japs challenged us to mortal combat for survival. We accepted that challenge. We are going to destroy Japan's armies, Japan's navy, Japan's air force, Japan's war factories, Japan's whole power to wage war. In doing this, we shall win the right to live out our lives in peace. Peace for ourselves, our children and their children is what we can get out of defeating Japan."

Asked how long it will take us to defeat Japan, General Marshall said: "That depends on the amount of power we apply, and the vigor and speed with which we apply it. If all of us, at home and at the front, work with renewed determination and in complete cooperation, it should not take long. But one thing is certain—any delay, and half-hearted performance, and let-up in our efforts anywhere along the line will be paid for in American lives. Japan must be completely crushed before we turn to the ways of peace. This must be the first priority for the United States of America."



—Signal Corps Photo
CASUALTY VETERANS, returning at the Hampton Roads, Va., port of embarkation, are cheered by songs of welcome aboard ship by Wac Pvt. Vivian Stonebreaker, Transportation Corps. A pretty girl and a song sometimes raise a smile where other therapy has failed.

Army Casualties Thru March 31 In Pacific Total 110,106

WASHINGTON.—Total Army casualties as reported through March 31 in the Pacific, including the 1941-42 action in the Philippines, were 110,106, according to a compilation announced by the Office of War Information. This total included:

Killed	23,189
Wounded	54,056
Missing	18,549
Prisoners	14,312

The compilation showed that Pacific amphibious operations have resulted in killing of 14 Japanese for every American life lost by the Army, Navy and Marines, combined. Even by including all American casualties—missing and wounded, in addition to dead—the ratio of Japanese dead still exceeds 3 to 1, OWI said.

Totals for the United States show 33,429 killed in action against the Japanese, 125,447 wounded and 4175 missing, compared with 498,697 of the enemy killed or taken

prisoner. Only about 10,000 Japanese have been taken prisoner, leaving 488,697 listed as dead.

Army casualties for the Pacific amphibious campaigns total 17,681 dead, 64,697 wounded, 1262 missing. Navy and Marine casualties: Killed, 15,748; wounded, 60,750; missing, 2913.

Army Quiz

1. If an American division were to be moved from Antwerp to Manila which would be the shortest route?

- A. Via New York and San Francisco
- B. Via the Panama Canal?
- C. Via the Suez Canal?

2. You know, of course, what "The Big Three" meant. But do you know to whom the term "Little Forty-one," frequently in the news this month, refers?

3. Treasury officials disclosed last week that the war had cost the United States then some \$275 billion. Would you say, that as compared with the cost of World War I this was—

- A. Three times as much?
- B. Six times?
- C. Nine times?

4. Which would you think wears out their shoes more quickly, Wacs or GIs?

5. I have two adopted dependent children. My buddy says they will not count on my point score. Is he—

Right? Wrong?

6. What will be the world's longest oil pipe line is now under construction. Do you know whether it will carry oil from—

- A. Oil fields in northern Canada to Alaska?
- B. Iraq to the Mediterranean ports?
- C. From Calcutta to China?

7. B-29 bombers have been making repeated attacks on Japan's "shadow factories." Do you know what they are?

8. The Truman family recently moved into the White House. Can you tell which of the presidents first lived there?

9. An officer of the Veterans Administration reported last week the number of home loans which have already been approved under the GI Bill of Rights. Would you think it was—

- A. 3133?
- B. 66370?
- C. 12,472?

10. You know, of course, who CIO stands for, and you should know what UNCIO refers to. Do you?

(See "Quiz Answers," Page 19)

Nudist Jamboree!

WITH THE 12TH ARMORED DIVISION, 7TH ARMY, in Germany.—Catching the German soldier with his suspenders around his ankles is old stuff to the men of B Company, 23rd Tank Battalion, 12th Armored Division.

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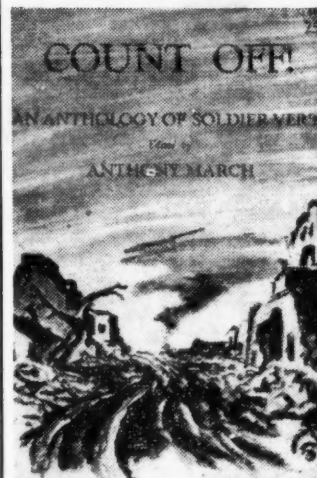
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Mortally Wounded, Keeps Hurling Grenades, Is Awarded Honor Medal

WASHINGTON. — S/Sgt. Alvin Carey, who died on a Brittany hillside last Aug. 23 after he had blasted a German fortified position which was barring the advance of his comrades, has been awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously, the War Department announced Monday.

The Medal will be presented to his widow, Mrs. Anna Mae Carey, who is living with his mother, Mrs. Olive Carey, at Laughlinstown, Pa.

The action occurred during the 2d Infantry Division's fighting in the hedgerow battles near Plougastel. With fire from the strong enemy position pinning down the advancing riflemen, and the flank of the assault held up, Sergeant Carey crawled slowly under the intense fire of German automatic weapons. Part way up the hill, he met a German in a foxhole position and killed him with a shot from his carbine.

With fire concentrated on him when he reached grenade-throwing distance, he threw his grenades at a slit, and the first few bounced off the wall and exploded outside. He was hit by the fire that was tearing up the ground around him, but he took careful aim and threw another. It entered the firing slit,

killed the Germans inside, and when Carey's comrades moved forward again, the guns were silent. Carey was dead.

Sergeant Carey, who was born in Lycippus, Pa., Aug. 16, 1916, was employed as a farm and construction worker before entering the Army on Jan. 24, 1941. He trained with his unit in the 38th Inf. Regt.

of the 2d Infantry Division. With his Division, he entered the Normandy fighting June 7, D-Day plus one, and was under continuous fire until he was killed.

He was awarded the Purple Heart for a wound received in action on July 7, 1944, and on the following day was presented the Combat Infantryman Badge.

43-Year-Old Soldier Simply Won't Stay Out Of Big Wars

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Pvt. Clyde C. Fowler, Ardmore, Pa., a 43-year-old former securities salesman, was discharged from the Army last Jan. 10 but four days later knocked on the door of his draft board for re-enlistment.

Private Fowler was ordered back to the States for discharge from the Pacific where as a technical sergeant he served as a boatswain on landing craft, leading assault waves in several of the most historic beachhead operations of the war. He was sent to this camp, the only amphibious Army Service Forces Training Center, because of

his boat experience.

Asked why he wanted to return to the Pacific, Fowler said: "Hell, man, there's a war on."

He thought the same way in World War I, when at the age of 14 he joined the 5th Marines and went to France. He was discharged at the request of his parents though not before he had served as rifleman right through the fighting at Verdun and at Chateau Thierry. He was given an honorable discharge but, still underage, went right back into uniform, this time joining the Army. He was in an infantry division waiting to go overseas again when the Armistice was signed.

His service overseas in this war was with the 542nd Boat and Shore Regiment of the 2d Engineer Special Brigade.

He believes the Japs will have to be dug out, one by one, because they're ignorant and fanatical.

He was with the 542nd all the way from Oro Bay, New Guinea, until just before they hopped off for the Philippines. At Wadke, where the Imperial Jap Marines were dug in good, he got his first wounds — 25-caliber slugs through the arm and one through the cheek just missing his eye. Another slug went right through his barracks bag and damaged his book on navigation. He led the assault boats that brought in the first tanks at Wadke and got the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his efforts.

Would Bar Citizenship For Enemy Soldiers

WASHINGTON.—U. S. citizenship would be denied in the future to soldiers who fought against this nation, a bill, H.R. 3263, introduced by Rep. Gossett, D., Texas, proposes.

Army Ground Forces News

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES.—A conference on the Okinawa operation was held in the Army War College auditorium May 18. Speakers at the conference, AGF officers who have recently returned from tours of duty as observers on Okinawa, were: Col. William N. Todd, Jr., CAV, Post Commandant Army War College; Col. James H. Howe, INF, Amphibious Training Center, San Diego, Calif.; Lt. Col. Walter J. Preston, FA, Ground Requirements Section; and Lt. Col. Robert C. Williams, INF, Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Officers newly assigned for permanent duty at this headquarters include Maj. Wilson A. Daberk, SIG C, assigned to Ground Signal Section; Maj. Arthur L. Lowe, INF, Ground Special Information Section; Capt. Joseph S. Hutchison, AGD, Ground Adjutant General's Section; Lt. Col. Roderick H. Sears, ORD, Ground Ordnance Section; Lt. Col. Barney A. Daugherty, INF, Ground G-4 Section; Maj. Claude J. Perry, FA, Ground G-3 Section; Capt. Edmund L. Du Bois, CAC, Ground Requirements Section.

HEADQUARTERS CAVALRY SCHOOL.—Maj. Gen. and Mrs. William M. Grimes have received word from the War Department that their only son, Lt. William M. Grimes, Jr., was killed in action in Germany April 23. Gen. Grimes is Com-



—Signal Corps Photo

RETURNING SOME LOOT are these Germans who, after surrender of the Channel Islands off Britain, bring back to residents of Guernsey two cows and farm equipment they had appropriated.

Yanks To See Famed Spots In Europe On 7-Day Leaves

HEADQUARTERS, COMMUNICATIONS ZONE, European Theater.—So that all American soldiers in the theater may get a holiday as soon as possible present leave accommodations to handle troops waiting for occupation duty or deployment will be stepped up from 28,000 to 176,000, it was announced this week.

Leave centers in Paris, the United Kingdom, Brussels and the Riviera are being readied to accommodate the rush of combat soldiers seeking recreation.

Initial leaves will be of seven days' duration, plus travel time.

Since VE-Day units have been permitted to send seven per cent of their strength on leave at one time. This will be increased to 15 per cent so soon as travel facilities are augmented and work set-

tles down to routine. All travel expenses are paid by the Army.

In a short time limited numbers of American troops will be permitted to spend leaves in Italy in a new exchange plan now being worked out. By the present plan troops in Italy will visit the Riviera, Paris and London, while soldiers in France will travel to Italy on a man-for-man exchange.

Troops outside Germany are not permitted to visit Germany on leave or pass. Troops inside Germany will be permitted to spend only 48-hour passes in leave centers to be set up within American-occupied territory, where they are independent of the civilian population. These leave centers in Germany are expected to provide accommodation for 15,000 troops on short passes.

Promoted Air Reserves Won't Lose \$500 Bonus

WASHINGTON.—Air Corps Reserve officers who are promoted to temporary higher grades in the Army of the United States without vacating the permanent reserve commission do not lose the \$500 a year bonus paid on separation from the service, the Comptroller General has ruled.

Heads 'Tiger Hawks'

INDIA-BURMA ASC.—Col. William S. Pocock, former commander of the "Burma Peacocks," crack Air Service Group in Burma, and more recently in other duties in India, has been given command of the "Tiger Hawks" Air Service Group in Lower Assam.

Ex-Chaplain Chief Appointed Bishop

WASHINGTON. — Ch. (Maj. Gen.) William R. Arnold, assistant Army inspector general for chaplains' activities and until recently chief of chaplains, has been named Titular Bishop of Pocea and delegate for the Military Vicariate in the United States by Pope Pius XII. Chaplain Arnold had held rank of Monsignor in the Roman Catholic Church.

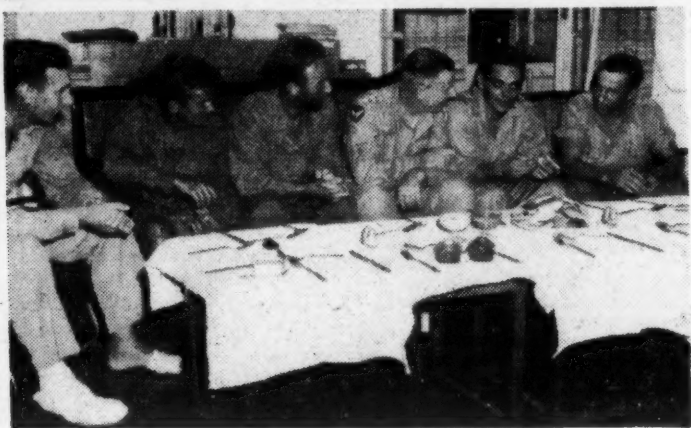
desperate efforts to augment the starvation diet which the Germans allotted him in Italy, while he was being taken to Germany after his capture at Anzio beachhead in Feb., 1944.

"At first the Nazi guard to whom I offered my rings for the bread was skeptical. He thought they might have been brass and refused to make the deal," Bohny related. "But then I became so plainly irritated with his stubbornness that he was finally convinced they were gold and handed over the bread. One ring was my school ring and the other was a gift from my wife."

Lieutenant Bohny was a prisoner of the Germans for 11 months. During that time he was interned in three prison camps, in Italy, Germany and Poland. He lost almost 30 pounds during his first five weeks of captivity, while he was being moved from place to place in Italy, living under extremely unsanitary conditions and with hardly enough food to sustain life.



—By Sgt. Jerry Chamberlain, Camp Blanding, Fla.
"Are you the Personal Affairs Officer?"



—Air Forces Photo

FIRST DECENT MEAL in two years, with American food and a clean white tablecloth, revived the spirits of these U. S. Army men, just released from a Japanese prison in Rangoon. This group, some of 400-odd Allied prisoners freed, were guests of Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, Air Commander, Eastern Air Command and Commanding General of the AAF in the India-Burma Theater, third from left.

Liberated Yanks On Gift Buying 'Spree'

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, Paris.—Six-hundred thousand gifts and souvenirs valued at \$600,000 have been sent to the Repatriation Allied Military Personnel center by Army Exchange Service for sale to liberated American soldiers on their way home. The shipment includes a variety of 250 different items.

Thousands of former prisoners arriving daily from prisoner camps all over former Axis territory are buying the finest items that can be found on the Continent. Each man, after being processed for shipment to the United States, is allowed to buy two gifts ranging in price from 26 cents to \$80.

Advised that liberated Yanks planned gift spending sprees on receiving their back pay, 1st Lt. Bernard T. McCarthy, AES purchasing agent, got busy and within six days trucked in the shipment of 600,000 gifts from central warehouses all over France. These included rare perfumes in Paris, native dolls and porcelain brooches from Brittany, hand-made linens and laces from Normandy, paintings and leather goods from Rheims, and native tapestries and religious objects from Lourdes.

The Army Exchange also installed an ice cream unit at the camp. Although most of the men suffered special diets, all received ice cream. A total of 1600 servings a day were distributed among the patients in the 77th Field Hospital set up expressly for liberated prisoners. This was the first time most of them had ice cream since they left the United States.

Army PX Big Business WITH U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE.

—In summing up its activities as of VE-Day, Communications Zone Army Exchange Service

Gen. Walker Wears Honored Stars

XX CORPS HEADQUARTERS, Germany.—Gen. Walton H. Walker, XX Corps commander, wears the three stars which Gen. George S. Patton wore as commander of the 3rd Army through the campaigns of North Africa and Sicily and the battles of Normandy, France and Germany.

The stars were pinned on General Walker by General Patton at a formal ceremony the day the XX "Ghost Corps," which had spearheaded the 3rd Army's drive across France and Germany, crossed the Danube.

General Walker's stars carry special significance in that they were originally worn by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and had been presented by him to General Patton when the latter was promoted to Lieutenant General.

All Faiths Join In Service Marking End Of Hostilities

WITH THE 42ND INFANTRY (RAINBOW) DIVISION, 7th Army, in Germany.—Immediately after the official news of Germany's unconditional surrender was released, thousands of 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division troops attended simple all-faith services in their bivouac areas in the shadows of the Bavarian Alps. They offered thanks to the Almighty for the end of hostilities and paid reverent tribute to their dead comrades.

At Palling, Germany, where the Rainbow Division's forward command post was set up, 200 GIs prayed in a dandelion-studded field. Chaplains of all three faiths stood beside the small white Arc on which was placed the Christian Cross and the Hebrew Torah. Backgrounding the Arc, Rainbow Division flag bearers, carrying the 48 state flags, stood in a huge semi-circle.

A European polyglot of liberated slaves stood on the balconies and hung from the windows of the cottages surrounding the field. They did not understand the language of the service, but the spirit of worship is universal. On the fringes of the Yank congregation, British, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, Russian and French liberated prisoners of war joined their Rainbow liberators in prayer.

When taps was sounded for those who had fallen, the freed slave laborers joined the soldier congregation in bowing their heads in tribute. And when the Star Spangled Banner was played by the Division band, concluding the ceremonies,

they snapped to attention in tribute to Old Glory.

The Division commander, Maj. Harry J. Collins, who had called for the division-wide prayers, initiated the Palling services by saying that he had hastened to offer thanksgiving "so that the happiness of peace and the strength of God shall again rule the world."

The Division Chaplain, Lt. Col.

Lisle Bartholomew, officiated, assisted by Captains Eli A. Bohnen and Joseph Delahunt, the Jewish and Catholic Chaplains, respectively.

Immediately following the combined services, a Catholic mass, with Chaplain Charles G. Erb officiating, was held in the Palling Cathedral. General Collins attended.

Reserve, Nat. Gd. Agencies Placed Among The 'Planners'

WASHINGTON.—National Guard and Reserve activities of the Army have been removed from Army Service Forces to the General Staff level, it was learned this week.

An order signed May 17 makes the National Guard Bureau, headed by Maj. Gen. John F. Williams, NGUS, and the Executive for Reserve and ROTC Affairs, headed by Brig. Gen. Edward W. Smith, ORC, special staff activities, on the same level as the Inspector General's

Office and the Special Planning Division.

The guard bureau previously was under the deputy chief of staff, ASF, for service commands, and the reserve unit was under the director of personnel, ASF.

Internal organization of the two units is not affected.

Brings Plane Down In Hell Of Fire; Awarded Air Medal

INDIA-BURMA ASC.—The story behind a medal as popular as the Air Medal can often be as thrilling as an excerpt from a Hollywood war film. Lt. Paul M. Dana, of Cut Bank, Mont., Air Service Command pilot for more than a year in the theater, was cited because, in addition to his requisite operational hours and 104 missions, he brought his airplane down safely on a landing strip "with shrapnel bursting all about him." The field had not been completely cleared of mines and debris, to add to the obstacles.

Missourian Officer Delivers Graduating Address In Chinese

CENTRAL PACIFIC BASE COMMAND.—"Vinegar Joe" Stilwell is not the only general officer in the Army who can speak Chinese, students at the POA-CPBC Chinese Language School will tell you.

At their graduation ceremonies recently, Missouri-born Brig. Gen. Wayne C. Smith, the CPBC Chief of Staff, addressed these students for 10 minutes in the language they have been studying as translators and interpreters. What's more, he had the men who understand the Celestial tongue roaring with laughter as he related a Chinese anecdote.

General Smith served three years with the 15th Infantry (the "Can Do" Regiment) in China, from 1931 to 1934, when as a first lieutenant he saw the Japs open their campaign to coordinate and create the ill-fated Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. It was while he served in the Peiping area that he learned Chinese and observed firsthand the Son of Heaven's sons of battle.

Senate Group Studies Troop Redeployment In European Theater

WASHINGTON.—Eight Senators representing the Military, Naval and Appropriations Committees will leave soon for Europe to study operation of the redeployment, UNRRA and AMG programs, effectiveness of the discharge system and methods of surplus property disposal.

A similar trip planned by members of the House Military Committee has been called off in the face of pleas by House leaders for congressmen to stay in Washington, it is understood.

Senators making the trip are: Russell, Ga.; Stewart, Tenn.; Maybank, S. C.; Gurney, S. Dakota; Revercomb, W. Va.; Byrd, Va.; McClellan, Ark., and Eastland, Miss.

Navy Takes Over German Ports To Maintain Army

LONDON.—The United States Navy has taken over the German ports of Bremen and Bremerhaven to maintain the American Army of Occupation in Germany and to embark troops returning to the United States.

Admiral Harold R. Stark, commander of the United States naval forces in Europe, said that Vice Admiral Robert Lee Ghormley, recalled from Pearl Harbor, would command American naval forces in Germany. Admiral Arthur G. Robinson, commander of ports and bases, will direct the activities at Bremen and Bremerhaven. Next to Hamburg, Bremen is

Germany's largest port. With Bremerhaven it has 27 miles of docks on the Weser River.

About 4000 Navy personnel are getting the two bomb-battered ports ready for business. Navy personnel said each port soon will be able to handle at least 10,000 tons of shipping daily.

Stork Has Job To Do, So Does It!

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—It shouldn't happen to a psychiatrist.

Other day here came a head-on collision between a speeding Station hospital ambulance and the stork, out in the Third Area. The ambulance was en route to the Dale Mabry Hospital, quicklike, carrying Mrs. B. A. Cruvant, her husband, Major Cruvant of Consultation Service, and Medical OD Maj. David J. Dolan.

The stork swooped low and the ambulance driver pulled over to the side of the road. By the time the two majors chased it off, little Miss Michelle Cruvant, six pounds and three ounces worth, had joined the party.

When the bird had taken it on the lam, Mrs. Cruvant, calm and collected, turned to her husband

Gen. James L. Dalton Killed In The Pacific

ESSEX CENTER, Vt.—Information that Brig. Gen. James L. Dalton, assistant commander of the 25th (Tropic Lightning) Infantry Division had been killed in action in the Pacific, came from the War Department to Mrs. Dalton last week.

General Dalton, who was one of the youngest general officers in the ground forces, had been given his promotion from colonel just last month, 12 years after his graduation from West Point.

Formerly commander of the 161st regiment of the 25th Division, General Dalton held the Silver Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star Medal for personally leading reconnaissance and combat patrols on Guadalcanal and New Georgia.



—Signal Corps Photo

RUNNING THROUGH a storm of traditional wedding rice hurled by enthusiastic GI friends are Cpl. Gilbert Roths, of Cheney, Kan., and Cpl. Phyllis Van Degrift, of Ness City, Kan., who were married in Casablanca. The ceremony was performed by Lt. Col. Edward J. Killon, chaplain of the North African ATC Division.



IT'S MUSIC WITH CHOW for a 36th (Texas) Division Infantry company on the 7th Army front in Germany. The musicians are members of the 30th Special Service Company.

Men In Forward Positions Told To Pack And Go Home

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, in Italy. For 2000 men, who the week before had been fighting Germans, and many more in combat duty in forward positions along the Swiss and Austrian borders and guarding the Brenner Pass, life's greatest thrill came recently with orders: "Pack your bags, buddy. You're goin' home!"

It was all very sudden for these men, selected as the most deserving of immediate redeployment. On May 2—the day the surrender of Italy was announced—Col. Edward M. Daniels, 5th Army G-1, received a phone call from MTOUSA inquiring if he could have 2000 combat men in Naples by May 8 ready for shipment to the States.

Colonel Daniels replied "sure," and things really started popping. Breakdown of various combat units was made; units concerned were notified by phone and courier; units went through their files to select the most deserving men on the basis of time overseas, combat time, decorations and family status.

The fortunate 2000 were assembled at Pisa and flown to Naples—a process that required about 130 flights.

All 5th Army combat units re-

ceived a proportionate share of the total allotment, with the older units being given larger allocations.

Of the entire group, 1380 were from infantry divisions and the remaining 620 were from tank, tank destroyer, cavalry reconnaissance, field artillery, antiaircraft, combat engineer, signal and chemical mortar formations.

Japs Conceal Mine Under Covering Of Grass, Call It 'Dotty Lamour'

HQ., 41ST DIVISION, the Philippines.—In crushing the Japanese on Zamboanga peninsula, veteran 41st Division infantrymen encountered eight different types of enemy mines sown along the roads and across the jungled terrain. There were more variations than the 41st heretofore had met in all its campaigning.

Spotted by combat engineers and either removed or destroyed in place were upwards of 2200 charges buried and camouflaged. Included were "Camote" (harbor) mines, naval depth charges, aerial bombs of all sizes, yardstick mines, one-ton

warheads from naval torpedoes, artillery shells, non-magnetic box mines and "Dotty Lamour," or grass skirt, mines.

The latter is an anti-tank weapon, named after the actress because the Japs habitually conceal it with a circular covering of grass.

Asks Explanation Of Nazi Control Of Bolzano After Its Surrender

WASHINGTON.—Explanation by the Army of why German forces were permitted to remain in control of Bolzano, Italy, with American troops standing by unable to interfere, was demanded May 18 by Rep. Springer, R., Indiana.

Mr. Springer referred to a press dispatch from Bolzano stating that SS officials maintained headquarters in the city and paraded about until Col. James C. Fry, Washington, D. C., assistant 88th Division

commander, stopped the practices on May 13.

During the preceding ten days, the dispatch stated, soldiers of the 88th were told to keep hands off.

'Busting' Of Wounded T-4 Causes Regulation Change

WASHINGTON.—Army regulations providing that technicians, fourth and fifth grade, should hold such rank only while assigned to the duties for which they were appointed have been modified, largely as the result of a Congressional complaint over the "busting" of one wounded technician fourth.

Rep. Roe, D., Md., complained that T/4 Kenneth D. Dashiell, wounded in action, was reduced to private when he returned to duty after hospitalization for wounds because there were no T/4 vacancies in the unit to which he was assigned.

Headquarters, ETO, restored Dashiell to his former rank, the Congressman was informed by the War Department.

While the case was under investigation, the department issued

Circular States Rules For New Ribbon Award

WASHINGTON.—Official qualifications for the Philippine service ribbons have been outlined by the Army in War Department Circular No. 136 of May 7.

teach men and officers who had been invalidated out of combat how to audit soldiers' service records. Organized in teams of one officer and six men, these teams travelled all over the theater, inspecting records and instructing company clerks.

Machine records units had been rehearsed in their part in the program. On these rested the responsibility not only of reporting point scores but also of establishing priority lists for redeployment of every kind of unit in the theater.

In accomplishing their job the 250 officers and 2000 men of the Machine Records Units handled some 4,000,000 forms and put in more than 17,000 machine-hours of work.

Changes 4 to AR 615-5, placing T/4's and T/5's on the same basis as T/3's and line noncommissioned officers, providing that they shall be reduced in rank only for cause—misconduct or inefficiency.

Army Reaffirms Inf. Badge Only For Footsloggers

WASHINGTON.—The War Department has revised the amendment to the basic infantryman badge regulation made by Circular 93, 1945, to make it clear that the badge is for award to infantry personnel only.

"Officers, warrant officers and enlisted men in infantry training regiments... are eligible for the award of the expert infantryman badge," has been changed to read: "Infantry officers, warrant officers and enlisted men in training regiments and battalions of replacement training centers, school training detachments, and replacement depots are eligible for the award of the expert infantryman badge."

Hirohito Birthday Sees American Flag Go Up Over Baguio

WITH I CORPS TROOPS, on Baguio.—On the birthday of Emperor Hirohito the American flag was raised over Baguio, Summer Capital of the Philippines.

Luzon's second largest city was liberated by troops of the 37th Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Robert A. Beightler, of Columbus, O., and the 33rd Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson, of San Antonio, Tex.

Maj. Gen. Innis P. Swift, of I Corps, of which the 37th and 33rd are a part, was present for the ceremony and congratulated the men of the two divisions on their part in liberating the city.

Even as the flags were raised the roar of the big guns could be heard in the stricken city as soldiers of the two divisions continued to push the fleeing Japs to the North and East after Baguio had been secured.

White House Was Prepped For Raid

WASHINGTON.—With lifting of the censorship ban, it was revealed last week that extreme precautions were taken at the White House in early war days to shield President Roosevelt and his family in event of air raids.

A tunnel, running from the White House to the Treasury building, was built, and there was a shelter room for the Executive, 40 x 40 feet, with a nine-foot concrete ceiling capable of resisting a direct hit from a 500-pounder, and perhaps a 1000-pounder. Floor and walls were seven feet thick. There was space in the whole shelter for 100 persons. Cost was \$65,000.

Fla. Assembly Wants GI At Peace Table

WASHINGTON.—Suggestions that an enlisted representative of the armed forces sit at the peace conference have been adopted by the Florida legislature. A resolution has been sent to Congress urging that the President select a representative for the parley from among those not above rank of sergeant or chief petty officer, "who have shared the hardships and sufferings of battle."

The proposal that a Joe sit at the peace table has been made several times by ARMY TIMES.

Whole Division Guards

WITH U. S. FORCES, in Germany.—During the final stages of the fighting, prisoners of war were piling into cages back of the lines so fast that one full infantry division, plus large detachments of troops from reinforcement depots, were pressed into service as guards.

Extend Eligibility For Battle Stars

WASHINGTON.—Eligibility for bronze battle participation stars has been extended by the War Department to personnel who serve board vessels of foreign registry, other than in a passenger status, in a combat zone within specified dates provided the service is under competent orders and the commander having assignment jurisdiction certifies that the personnel served within the combat area.

Gave Up Trip Home When Dog Couldn't Go

WITH THE 7TH DIVISION, Okinawa.—Because the Army wouldn't let his dog, Tojo, fly home on a transport plane, Sgt. Charles J. Morey, of Monterey, Calif., a veteran of 24 years in the Army, declined one of 30 prized trips home granted to men on Okinawa eligible for discharge under the point system.

"I sent a picture of me and the dog home and my wife said to bring him back with me," he said. "I've got six more years to serve before retiring. But I figure it will be all over here in another six months and then we'll all go back." But he admitted he would have gone home if his dog could have gone along.

Post Theaters At Blanding Praised As Morale Factor

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—With over 2,200,000 customers a year, and monthly business of \$27,500 at 15 cents a throw, Camp Blanding's eight post theaters, operating under a former Jacksonville newspaper man, Lt. Robert B. Black, were cited as a major morale factor in the operation of this post.

Built 664 Bridges

WITH U. S. FORCES, in France.—Army Engineers built 433 railroad and 231 highway bridges and rehabilitated 14,367 miles of railroad track in Europe in the 11 months between D-Day and VE-Day.



—Signal Corps Photo

BRASSIES DID KP for 24 hours in the Panama Coast Artillery Command's automatic weapons organization, making good their pledge they would peel spuds, wallop pots, wait on tables and scrub ovens when VE-Day came. Pouring coffee is Col. Adolph L. Ramon.

Oran Commander Colonel In ATC, Pfc. With French

ATC AIR BASE, Oran.—Edgar B. Franklin is a Lieutenant Colonel in the North African Division of the Air Transport Command, but in another man's Army he's just one more Private First Class.

As a PFC in Army No. 2, the Colonel isn't subject to KP duty or special details. It's strictly an honorary title given to but few Americans by the French Foreign Legion.

Colonel Franklin received the honorary PFC award recently at Sidi Bel Abbes, home of the Legion Etrangere, amid a colorful ceremony before massed troops, including a 170-piece band.

PFC Frankl—errr Colonel Franklin—is commanding officer of La Senia ATC Air Base at Oran.

Will Direct Sales Of Surplus Goods

WASHINGTON.—James S. Knowlson, of Chicago, president of the Stewart-Warner Corporation and former War Production Board Vice Chairman, has been appointed Central Field Commissioner for the European Theater of Operations, Thomas B. McCabe, Army-Navy Liquidation Commissioner, announces.

Mr. Knowlson reported to the OANLC in Washington for consultation before proceeding to England and the European Continent to assume his duties, which will be the disposal of Army and Navy surplus for that area.

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Nazi General Officer Surrenders By Phone

WITH THE 10TH ARMORED (TIGER) DIVISION, 7th Army, in Germany.—In a week of general capturing during which five German general officers and the retired General Field Marshal List gave themselves up to the 10th Armored Division, the climax was the surrender of a Luftwaffe brigadier and his staff—by telephone!

When the fast-rolling 10th was moving south on the far-famed

winter sports center of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, General Jenny, of Air Force Command No. 7, decided that it would be wise for him and his staff to take off, without delay. So they moved to a mountainside overlooking Garmisch and waited, apparently hoping for an opportunity to surrender in a "dignified" manner.

The Tiger Division smashed into the city and took over. Lt. Kurt Meyer, of Chicago, and the rest of his section prepared to go to work. But before they could get under way, the phone rang in their office. A pompous, guttural voice asked: "Are you ready to pick up the general tomorrow?"

Surprised, but quite willing to cooperate, the officer answered in the affirmative, and asked where the general would be waiting. The given address proved to be only an intermediate stop, but an ex-major of the German air force was waiting there with the suggestion that a telephone call be put in to the general. The men hightailed it to the local telephone exchange and had the local lines temporarily installed. They called and a pleasant voice soon answered, "This is General Jenny."

Informed that the local military authorities were ready to call for him then and there, the general replied: "I'll be glad to see you. It's rather cold up here, and I have been anxiously awaiting your call."

Final arrangements were made to meet the general at Gasthof Partnach at 9 o'clock the following morning. At the appointed place and time the general, his seven staff officers and 150 enlisted men were waiting. The general had one further request: "I have three other colonels here," he said. "Can they come along?"

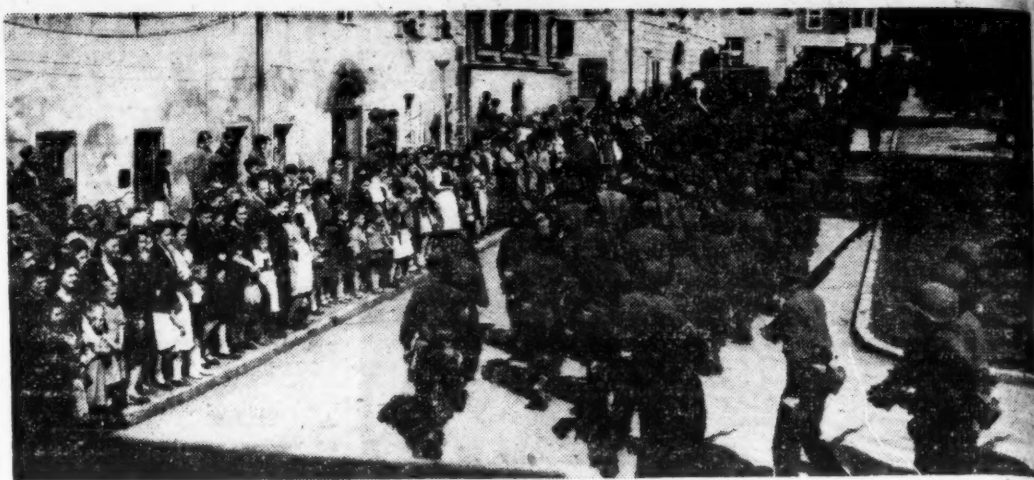
The men were more than willing to oblige the general.

GIs' Jobs In War Plants To End Soon

WASHINGTON.—Military personnel possessing key industrial skills and now working in war plants will return to the Army upon expiration of their presently authorized periods of temporary inactive duty, the War Department announced.

The demobilization of 1,300,000 military personnel during the next 12 months and the continuing need for troop strength for deployment against Japan are factors indicating the need for recall of key men to active duty with the Army. Partial demobilization of the Army will create a manpower pool of discharged veterans upon which war and civilian industry may draw.

Key industrial personnel released from active duty with the Army in order to alleviate war production bottlenecks were transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps for the period of time they were authorized to work with industry. Upon recall they will assume their original active duty status with the Army.



VE-DAY PARADE was staged by the 44th Infantry Division of the 7th Army in Austria. Throngs assembled in the town square of Imst to view the Yanks who helped conquer Europe.

Operations Timetable To Govern Period Of Training For Jap War

WASHINGTON.—Certain troop veterans of the European campaigns who are slated for assignment to the Pacific theater will undergo training in this country or in Europe before moving to the war against Japan, the War Department announced this week.

Units scheduled for redeployment will receive the maximum amount of training allowed by the operations timetable. Certain units to be moved to the Pacific are being trained in areas they recently conquered from the Germans, while others will receive training upon reaching Pacific bases.

A number of the troops who return to this country from Europe will be assembled at selected Army camps and stations for training prior to embarking for the Pacific area.

Whether conducted in Europe or

the United States, all redeployment training will be directed toward one objective—to improve the preparation of veterans of the German war to meet their new enemy by acquainting them with Japanese tactics and weapons, and with the climatic, terrain and health conditions encountered in the Pacific areas.

Training troops to keep themselves in good health will be an important aspect in the preparation for redeployment of our main forces. So far the Army's very complete health instructions, coupled with the excellent application of preventive medicine, have kept the deaths from illness among troops in the Pacific at less than the normal death rate from sickness.

Lack Of Bases Complicate
Demands of the Pacific war will call for larger proportional numbers and greater exertions of service troops, particularly because of the lack of bases and adequate facilities in the Pacific areas. These demands will be reflected in the conversion of some returned units to specialties required in expanding and strengthening the Army's supply lines to the Pacific.

Redeployment training of Army Air Forces personnel in this country will consist largely of training of air crews on the new equipment which they will use in the Pacific. For the past several months, crews of heavy bombers, B-17s and B-24s, have been returning from Europe for transition training in very heavy bombers, the B-29 and B-32. Training of crews on light bomb-

ers, such as the A-26, on fighters and other new and modified aircraft will be performed in this country. The flow of air crews to the Pacific will continually increase.

In laying out its huge redeployment training program, the Army has taken full advantage of the combat and logistic experience gained thus far in all war theaters. Battle experience has proved that our basic training policy is sound and equally applicable to fighting in Europe and the Pacific. No change is contemplated in the fundamental principles of our present military training.

To the maximum extent possible, all training installations will be staffed by instructors who have had combat experience against Japan. Training will be tough and realistic and full use will be made of the lessons learned in battle.

Wac Recruits Can't Get Out With Husband

WASHINGTON.—Women who enlisted in the Women's Army Corps on or after May 12 will not be eligible for discharge from the corps because their husbands have been separated from service until they themselves have been on active duty in the WAC for one year, the War Department has ordered.

The restriction does not apply to discharge which may be given under authority of paragraph 25j, AR 615-362, when the husband is discharged for physical disability.

Pay Boost Proposed For High-Point Men Retained In Service

WASHINGTON.—Men with the required 85 points for discharge would be given a 50 per cent increase in base pay, in addition to longevity increases, if not discharged, a bill introduced by Rep. Starkey, D., Minnesota, provides.

The increase also would apply to men who stay in voluntarily. "If a man is eligible to go back home to his family, but his special abilities make him indispensable to the Army, then the country should show some token of appreciation in the form of extra pay," Mr. Starkey declared.

Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard men, although not now being partially demobilized, would apply the point system to themselves for pay purposes only under the Starkey bill.

Transfer To Raleigh

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Reorganization of Headquarters District No. 2, Fourth Service Command, and transfer of headquarters to Raleigh, became effective May 19, Col. William S. Pritchard announces.

Goes 'Nuts' Over Point System; Has 17, Loses Bath, Beer, Cigs

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—A strange case in medical annals came the way of Dispensary No. 7, IARTC, last Saturday morning.

The records show that one Pfc. Ellis Q. Seismotiwicz was treated for "severe contusions of upper body and head, plus a cut lip, contusions of the nose, and three broken front teeth—as if from biting some heavy and solid object."

Pfc. Seismotiwicz, the record continues, was returned to light duty, but only after an extended interview with the medical officer on duty, which revealed the following, in Seismotiwicz' own words as scribbled down in Braille by an aid man with the point of a hypodermic needle:

"Well, sir, it was this way," said Seismotiwicz somewhat thickly on account of his injuries. "I was minding my own business and trying to go to sleep in a hutment full of Joes which was arguing over whether the Good Conduct Medal was worth five points."

His Total 17 Points
"They had been arguing the same thing since 7 p.m.—beg pardon, 1900—over enough beer to float an invasion fleet of LST's and, me, I was getting fed up on it. I got 17 points, which is like holding a pair of threes in a game of Doctor Pepper."

"Anyway, I guess I must have gone to sleep. Next thing I knew—and I hope I was dreaming—I was getting off a bus from town after a furlough. I'd ridden what we lovingly term the 'banana train' all the way from Penn Station and I sure was strictly crummy. I dumped my bag on the bed and headed for a shower."

"Then came the surprise. There at the door of the shower room was a big GI with an MP band on his arm, barring my way."

"How many points you got, bud-

dy," says he. I told him the awful truth—17. "Take off," he says, "there's a hot water shortage and only guys with 37 points get to take showers every day. For birds such as youse there's baths Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays."

Even Beer Is Pointed
"So okay—I took off and headed for the PX to wash some of the coal dust outa my throat. What happens? The doll behind the counter says, 'How many points you got, soldier?' I spoke up. 'Sorry, but no beer for you tonight. Mondays and Fridays, Joes with less than 25 points get Falstaff—but no Budweiser until you can show me an adjusted service rating card with



UNLIKE MANY GIs, Capt. J. R. Serena, Special Services officer at the Infantry Replacement Center, Camp Howze, Tex., does not have to clip newspapers and magazines for pin-up pictures. He receives an ample supply from glamorous Anne Jeffreys, RKO film star, who in private life is Mrs. J. R. Serens.

the right numbers on it."

"I staggered away and leaned on the cigarette counter. 'What,' I inquired of the corporal beside me, 'goes on here?'"

"In a word," he answered, "the place is point-punchy. The Army thought the point system so satisfactory on discharges that it sort of extended the setup. Say you want to go to a movie. You get two points for every day you don't see a show, 20 for every time you sat through a rainstorm to watch a movie in a combat theater, and a big bonus of 50 every time you see a training film for the third time."

"That's the way it works now—didn't you know?" he asks.

"I said I didn't and headed home to bed. Nobody kept me from crawling into the sack and I just forgot about points and corked off—until about 0400."

'Point KP' Strains Patience
"Then, as I live and breathe, the CQ comes in, pulls the covers off, and says pleasantly, 'You're on KP—get up!' 'Hey, nix!' I told him. 'My name isn't up on the roster yet. What goes on?'"

"Look, Mac—we take your points into consideration now in giving out KP. You're stuck," he says. "That did it, sir. I made a dive for him and I guess I tried to bite him. Anyway, I woke up on the floor with my teeth in the metal at the foot of the bunk. That's how it happened."

According to the recorder of the conversation, the medical officer then inquired, "And now, soldier, what do you think of the point system?"

"As it really is, lieutenant, sir—as it really is!" the Pfc. answered, "I think it's wonderful—my 17 points and all. I'm going to the movies tonight, afterwards I'm going to have a beer, and I'm not on KP for three days."

Col. James Stewart Commands Wing

EIGHTH AIR FORCE, England. In an announcement of command changes in the 8th AF it was noted that Col. Jimmie Stewart, film star, has been given the duties of a wing commander.

Brig. Gen. Walter R. Peck, of Seattle, Wash., has assumed command of the 2d Air Division, succeeding Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, who now heads the 8th.

Colonel Stewart and Col. Irvine A. Rendle, of Rawlins, Wyo., took over the wing commander duties vacated by General Peck and Col. Milton W. Arnold, of Washington, D. C., who became General Peck's Chief of Staff.

British Give Medals To 5 'Railsplitters'

WITH THE 84TH INFANTRY DIVISION, on the Rhine.—For action against the enemy near the strongly fortified mining-town of Geilenkirchen, five Railsplitters, four officers and one enlisted man, recently received the first British awards given members of this division. The medals were presented by Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery during a formal ceremony held on a sunny football field in Munchen-Gladbach, Germany.

Discharged Men Give Post-War Draft Views To House Committee

WASHINGTON.—Discharged soldiers and sailors will be invited by the House Post-War Military Policy Committee to testify on the advisability of a peace-time draft, it was learned this week.

The discharged service personnel will take the stand, together with ranking Army, Navy and State Department officials and church, civic, educational and veterans' leaders, to urge peace-time military training for the youth of the country. Other clerics, educators and group heads will testify in opposition to a draft. Hearings will open June 4, with Under Secretary of State Grew urging the draft. On June 5, American Legion, VFW, and National Guard and Reserve officer leaders will add

their arguments in favor of a draft.

Succeeding days will be alternated between arguments for and against a draft in principle, actual details of the draft law, if proposed, being left to the later consideration of the House Military Committee.

On June 15, War Department witnesses will take the stand, led by Secretary Stimson. Also scheduled to appear are Brig. Gen. John McA. Palmer, USA-Ret., special adviser to the General Staff; Assistant Secretary of War for Air Lovett; Maj. Gen. William F. Tompkins, director of the Special Planning Division,

General Staff; Cn. (Brig. Gen.) Luther D. Miller, Chief of Chaplains, and the discharged GI's.

Navy witnesses, probably led by Secretary Forrestal, will testify June 16. They will include Vice Adm. Randall Jacobs, Chief of Naval Personnel; Vice Adm. A. W. Fitch, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air); Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Marine Commandant; Flt. Adm. E. J. King, CinC. U. S. Fleet, and Chief of Naval Operations, and discharged Navy enlisted men.

Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, will follow the Navy witnesses.

Special 'Army' Issue 'This Week' Magazine

NEW YORK.—Written and illustrated by members of the Armed forces, "This Week" magazine's May 20 issue was given up almost wholly to pictures, stories and feature articles about the Army.

A story "The Boy Comes Home," by Sgt. Millard Lampell, of the Air Force, covers a topic of present interest to every American. A page on "Art in War," gives four examples, two in colors, of how striking GI art, done at the battle fronts, can be. Several articles cover timely Army themes, and a host of pictures, few of them seen previously elsewhere, give an excellent presentation of some features of Army life which are not well enough known. A page of brand-new Army jokes and well-selected cartoons make up a content which has a distinctly fresh GI atmosphere.



TACTICS OF TWO WARS

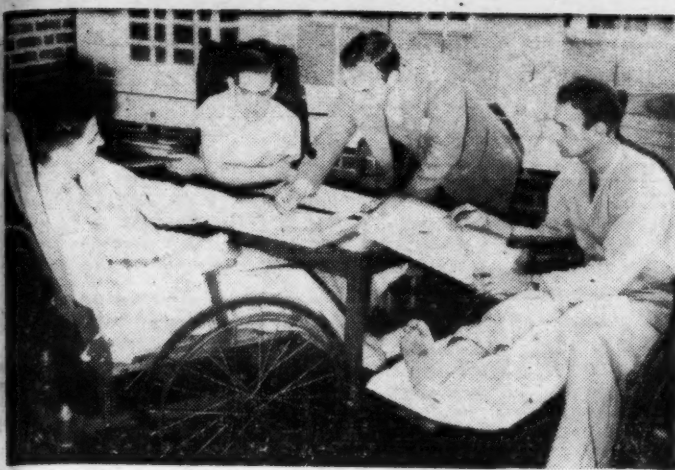
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Service Night Schools Open On Pacific Isles

ARMY HQ, PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS.—Opening of service night schools at New Caledonia and Saipan was announced April 26 by the Armed Forces Institute.

More than one thousand officers and enlisted men attended opening classes of New Caledonia's "University of the South Pacific," and about the same number were barred by current limited facilities. However, enrollment is expected to reach well into the thousands by the second semester.

Instructors with college degrees, many with previous university teaching experience, have been se-

lected from among commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Army and Navy. The New Caledonia "university" was conceived by Maj. Harry Snyder, noted Pittsburgh educator.

Study is conducted three evenings a week for six weeks. Armed Forces Institute supplies texts.

Based on compliance with specific prerequisites, college or high school credits have been given each subject and certificates of accomplishment are granted.

Forward sectors in the Pacific Ocean Areas will be under the Army's information and education officers, in contact with the University of Hawaii.

With such forward substations as Saipan and organization of units in the Philippines, the educational program is expected to accompany troops to the heart of the Japanese homeland.

Army, Navy Move Goods Held Up By Chicago Strike

CHICAGO.—Army and Navy trucks, operated by soldiers and sailors, on Tuesday began moving vital materials which had been tied up for several days by a strike of 6500 truck drivers.

Dealers in foods faced critical shortages, stocks in retail stores were running low and factories were in need of materials for war orders as a result of the strike.



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Veteran Patients Will Reap From Pro Match

NEW YORK.—Golfers among the patients at veterans' hospitals will be the beneficiaries of the PGA Rehabilitation Fund match between the two outstanding link gladiators, Sammy Snead and Byron Nelson, today and tomorrow.

With all receipts going to the construction of golf facilities near veterans' hospitals, Snead and Nelson meet this afternoon in 36 holes of stroke play at the Fresh Meadow course, and tomorrow will be at the Essex County Country Club at West Orange, N. J., for 36 holes or less of match play.

While their personal exchequers will not be enriched by the match, Snead and Nelson at no time have trained so arduously as they have for this meeting. Amid the utmost

secrecy, they prepped throughout this week, the former under guidance of Craig Wood, National Open duration champion, and the latter under the watchful eye of Ed Dudley, PGA president.

The benefit match has aroused much interest, and despite travel restrictions by ODT, golf fund-raisers are certain to be there to view the classic.

Navy Trackmen Hang Up Record Beating Cadets

WEST POINT, N. Y.—Army's Cadets, which last year finished second with only 35 points, upped their total points to 77½ last Saturday in the Intercollegiate A.A.A.A. outdoor championship and forced the Middies from the Naval Academy to hang up a new team record of 85½ points to take the meet.

Both the Middies and Cadets showed up remarkably well, the former placing in every event except the hammer throw and the Cadets registering in all but the broad jump.

Meet was a runaway for the service tracksters, New York U getting third place with 17 points.



JACK DEMPSEY, Coast Guard commander and former heavyweight champ, on his recent tour spent a day at Kandy and SEAC Headquarters and while there gave the men of the 3115th Signal Company a few tips on the prize ring game.

May Justify Expert Pick As Repeater

WASHINGTON.—After a miserable start, the St. Louis Browns have started clicking and may be off at a pace that will justify the forecast of experts who picked the Sewellmen to repeat in the American League.

Always poison to the New York Yankees, the champs trampled the McCarthyites four straight last week-end to come from the depths to a second-place spot with the Tigers. The next three weeks may well provide the big answer. A bad road club, the Browns are East until June 15, and if they can weather their four-game series at Yankee Stadium, opening tomorrow, they should manage to fatten a bit on Washington and Philadelphia. Should they return home on top or near it, they would be sitting pretty for the midsummer spurt under Missouri suns.

Baseball crystal-gazers have been freely predicting the Dykesmen would go to smash when they hit the road, with their hitters getting away from familiar scenes and home-cooking. However, the Chisox continue to register their wins, true some on lucky breaks, but they still pay off on runs, and Jimmy's hired hands get 'em. Detroit's fate depends considerably on the condition of Dizzy Trout, who pulled a muscles in his pitching arm and had to leave the game against the Nats.

Ottmen Continue Strong

While the New York Giants opened their Western invasion by dropping a tough one to Pittsburgh and may find the going rough away from those close fences at the Polo Grounds, the Ottmen should fare well on the opposition except St. Louis and Chicago. Enjoying a comfortable lead over the two, they could return East in mid-June still safely ensconced in the parade lead.

With their victory string cut when they lost a Sunday double-header to Chicago, the Dodgers took another thumping from St. Louis but may regain their composure in the West. While Branch Rickey may have been hurt by these losses, his ailments doubtless were appeased by the 33,708 cash customers Sunday and 27,844 for a single night game Monday. There was no rust on the turnstiles at the Polo Grounds—a record 51,340 Sunday and 21,682 for a Monday game.

Voiselle Tops All Pitchers

When he beat Pittsburgh Sunday, Bill Voiselle registered his eighth straight, putting him 'way ahead of all major hurlers. . . . The Browns on their Eastern tour will find Pete Gray, one-armed Memphis recruit, their biggest attraction. He'll draw folks who don't see even one ball game a year. . . . They're simply nuts over those Giants. In 19 Polo Grounds games, nearly 300,000 put the push on the line. . . . Par for winning streaks in Brooklyn is Wilbert Robinson's string, 15 in 1924. . . . Schnozzle Lombardi brought his home-run total to nine Monday when he cracked two against the Pirates.

Former Champ Is PT

DALE MABRY FIELD, Fla.—Newest member of the Base PT staff is Cpl. Mike Kiska, who teamed with Sgt. Bill Erny to win the Base badminton championship at DeRidder, La., last January. There are seven Riska brothers in the Army, four of whom are overseas.

Mack At Leonard Wood

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—Second base worries have vanished on the Fort Leonard team. Here as a trainee in Co. D, 28th E. T. Bn., is Ray Mack, Cleveland Indian star.

King-Bowler Gets Strike; Hits KP

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—When king-kegler Pvt. "Chuck" Hamilton, Cary, Ind., one of the nation's foremost bowlers and pin instructors, receives his shoes and tailored-made bowling ball he will get down to business and better his last stick of 791.

Owner of two mid-western bowling alleys, he has been playing the pins for half of his 32 years. In 1936, "Chuck" bowled top man at the Illinois Travelling Sweepstakes

and has competed in practically every major tourney in the country. Such stars as Buddy Bonar, national champ; Ned Day and Pvt. Joe Wilman, now on this post, are just a few who have doubled with Private Hamilton at special match games.

Inducted at Fort Sheridan, Ill., he was sent to this installation for processing and basic military training. The pin champ had his first strike when he hit KP.

Thesz To Resume Groan And Grunt On Leaving Army

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—Pvt. Louis M. Thesz, grappler who twice copied the professional wrestling crown in a St. Louis ring, has been assigned to medical section of this Army Service Forces training center following completion of basic training.

Thesz, 230-pounder, two-time winner over Everett Marshall for the kingpin's belt, is currently searching for sparring partners at camp to get back into shape for a return to the wrestling wars after his release from the service.

During a career that has included 700 bouts, Thesz has but two black marks on a five-year record prior to his induction at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., in January. Steve Casey and the ex-plunging fullback of the gridiron, Bronko Nagurski, were the only two men to throw the six-foot-two grappler.

Brooklyn Pitcher Wins For Keesler

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—In two Gulf Coast Service League games the Keesler Field baseball team rolled into first place on a trail of 31 runs. S/Sgt. Pershing Mondorff pitched a 14-5 win for the AAF Training Command station over Naval Hospital, and S/Sgt. John Carey, Brooklyn Dodger property, breezed by the other New Orleans team, Transportation Corps, 17-2.

Now In Win Column

SMOKY HILL FIELD, Kan.—Winning their first game of the preseason, Smoky Hill's "Smokies" edged a score of 4 to 3 over the visiting Sioux City "Indians."

Happy Over Draft Edict, Sports Gloomy On Points

WASHINGTON.—There was both joy and gloom for the sports world this week.

Joy came in the announcement by Selective Service that men 30 and over, engaged in "useful" occupations, no longer will be drafted, a ruling taken as encouraging by baseball and football owners who regard their enterprises as "useful" in upholding morale of civilians and providing entertainment both for servicemen on leave and for home-fronters toiling in war industries.

Gloom came in the fact that of the 1,300,000 men to be discharged during the next 12 months, only a very few baseball players and pro-gridders have sufficient points to be eligible for discharge, and even

those might be kept in service for the war against Japan and to assist in directing and in participating in the vast athletic program of the Army in the European Theater for soldiers awaiting return home or shifts to the Pacific.

Hopes of the Detroit Tigers that Hank Greenberg would return to baseball chores were blasted with announcement that he has been assigned by the Army to the recreational program in Europe. Yankees' Red Ruffing appears slated for the Pacific, while Birdie Tebbets, Tigers, is to continue managing an Army ball team and Joe DiMaggio will stick to his job as physical instructor for returnees at Atlantic City, N. J.

Around My Old Kaintucky Home They're Hearing About A Jeep

WASHINGTON.—Jockey Arnold Kirkland stepped on the gas and Jeep bounced down the stretch to a two-length victory over Greek Warrior in the experimental Handicap at Jamaica.

Although the race was over a six furlong course the opening day crowd of 42,179 began to talk about Jeep and the Kentucky Derby in the same breath.

There were many reasons for the rise in the black colt's stock: 1. He beat 12 other Derby hopefuls, including Greek Warrior, Polynesia, Rick's Raft and Flood Town; 2. He came from behind and won going away; 3. His time was 1:11 3-5.

Although Jeep won the race many fans were impressed by the way Greek Warrior shook off Polynesia for place money and others pointed toward the stretch run of Rick's Raft, who started off slowly.

Jeep's performance hasn't taken anything away from the record of Free for All, who has yet to find out what it feels like to be beaten. A front-runner, Free for All, has met every test asked of him and

scored easily in his only start this year.

Although the Marsch colt has yet to try the long mile and one quarter Derby distance he will probably go to the post as favorite in the run of the roses.

Sharing second choice honors with Jeep may be Alexis. The way he handled a field of Derby eligibles in a six-furlong sprint at Pimlico has made him the favorite of the Maryland hosiery followers.

Running with a smoothness he never displayed as a two-year-old, Alexis won as he pleased, leaving the favored Bobanet far behind.

Although the accent has been on the candidates for the triple crown the fans have been hitting and col-

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Washington	12	14	.462	5 1/2
Cleveland	9	14	.391	8 1/2
Philadelphia	10	16	.385	7
Boston	9	15	.375	7

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St. Louis	14	13	.519	6 1/2
Chicago	12	13	.480	7 1/2
Boston	11	13	.458	8
Pittsburgh	10	14	.417	8 1/2
Cincinnati	10	13	.435	8 1/2
Philadelphia	7	21	.250	14

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Baltimore	11	10	.524	
Newark	11	11	.500	

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Indianapolis	15	10	.600	
Milwaukee	12	9	.571	
Toledo	13	11	.542	

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Seattle	27	20	.574	
Oakland	25	24	.520	
San Diego	26	25	.510	

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Atlanta	16	5	.762	
Chattanooga	13	8	.619	
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Spartan	9	5	.643	
Wilmington	8	6	.571	
Wilkes-Barre	9	8	.523	
Hartford	7	7	.500	

4000 Of 11,000 Amputees Back To Civilian Life 'Rarin' To Go'

WASHINGTON. — Amputation cases in Army Hospitals in this country, and including cases already discharged, numbered approximately 11,000 on May 1, the War Department announced recently.

There are no "basket cases," a term used to describe a person who has completely lost both arms and legs. There are six amputees who have lost three extremities and there is one case, a non-battle casualty, who lost part of four limbs as a result of freezing after an airplane crash.

Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, stated that the average soldier who has suffered the loss of a limb soon learns that such an injury does not prevent him from resuming a self-respecting, useful role in society.

Approximately five per cent of these amputation cases have lost more than one limb. About 77 per cent of these cases are leg amputations, of which about 49 per cent are below the knee and about 28 per cent above the knee. About half the arm cases are above the elbow, and half below.

Some Remain In Army

Of the 11,000 cases that have been cared for in Army hospitals, almost 4000 have been discharged to civilian life. Some of these soldiers, who were given the choice, wanted to remain in the service and have been assigned to assist in the training of other amputees.

The Army does everything possible for these soldiers in the way of helping them make their readjustment. Films are shown to give these men a glimpse of the future that is in store for them. One of these, called "Swing Into Step," is an encouraging portrayal of how the Army's program cares for a man and trains him until he is ready to resume a normal life. Another one, "The Diary of a Sergeant," shows Sgt. Harold J. Russell, of Cambridge, Mass., who lost both arms during this war, doing practically everything he was able to do before his injury.

It is not unusual for men with the

loss of two arms or both legs to drive an automobile, ride horseback, use a typewriter, eat and dress without help, dance, and in general do almost everything they formerly did.

Don't Want Pity Stuff

General Kirk stressed the fact that because these men are trained to lead a useful life before they are discharged from the Army, the public should be prepared to receive them as normal beings who do not want any display of pity or sympathy but simply a chance to hold down a job commensurate with their ability and to assume their rightful places as useful members of society.

To assure amputees the best possible medical and surgical care, the Army has designated seven general

hospitals as amputations centers: Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah; England General Hospital at Atlantic City, N. J.; Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.; McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Tex.; McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Va.; Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich.; Walter Reed, Washington, D. C. Each center has an orthopedic shop completely equipped to fit artificial limbs.

Brig. Gen. Fred W. Rankin, Chief Consultant in Surgery, stated that outstanding specialists handle the amputation cases in these centers. To get the best results, the surgeon maintains a close liaison between the patient and the limb mechanic, the physical therapist, occupational therapist, and reconditioning officer.

Average time from the final operation until an amputee is fitted for his artificial limb is about two and one half months. From the time of injury until discharge is usually about eight months.

Before any of these amputees are discharged, they must pass a series of performance tests which will show if they are ready to return to duty or to a civilian status.

Runs Are Plentiful In Fort Sill Games

FORT SILL, Okla.—Fans recently saw two weird ball games. In the first, Tng. Det. No. 4 won by 16-0, although they made but six hits and 19 batters struck out. The 12 bobbles by POW Camp Guards accounted for the runs.

In the second game, POW Camp Guards beat the 4th Bn. FAS Det. by 35-4, to set the high-run record in Fort Sill play.



—Signal Corps Photo

FAREWELL TO GI BROGANS but taking 'em as souvenirs are Sgt. Anthony R. Deady, of Plainfield, N. J., and Sgt. Robert M. Will, of Katonah, N. Y., battymates in the Panama Coast Artillery Command, as they pack up for home after being ordered to Fort Dix, N. J., to be demobilized under orders for men 42 and over.

Blood Plasma Being Used To Restore Starved Yanks

EUROPEAN THEATER. — Blood plasma, used so successfully for treating wounded soldiers in the field, is now being used to restore health and normal eating habits of starved Americans recently liberated from German prison camps.

Col. Raymond E. Duke, of North Bend, Ore., surgeon of the Normandy base section, said that without the plasma treatment men in ad-

vanced stages of starvation would have died.

Col. Theodore L. Badger, of Chestnut Hill, Mass., medical consultant of the Normandy Base section, said that it was decided to use plasma when mouth feeding in starvation cases could not be employed due to the disorganization of the gastric and intestinal organs of the patients. Two plasma units are given in severe malnutrition cases, he explained, with several cases requiring up to six units. He said that blood is rarely administered longer than for three days, after which a liquid and "soft" diet can be given in mild cases.

About two weeks are required to put men suffering from mild and moderate malnutrition into condition which permits them to be shipped home. Severe cases take about a month.

Twirls Dandy Ball For Welch Hospital

WELCH CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, Daytona Beach, Fla.—With Carl Chapple fanning 17, Welch Convalescent Hospital's baseballers downed Kissimmee AAF, 3-2, last night for their fifth straight win and ninth triumph in 10 starts thus far this season. Chapple, former San Diego Pacific Coast League hurler, has now struck out 63 in five appearances. Bob Detweiler, Boston Braves property, homered with one on against Kissimmee and continued to lead Welch's batters.

Wacs Are Swim Stars

ARDMORE FIELD, Okla.—Squadron B has two Wacs who, before becoming soldiers, were noted athletically. Pvt. Eleanor Sholar, OJT 405, Maint. Sec. B, set an indoor breast stroke record in the Kent State University, O., pool and also excels in basketball and tennis. Pvt. Mary D. Hempe, OJT 055, CCD Personnel, is a fancy diver and has staged many exhibitions in Florida.

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Life Is Swell For Panama GI; Leaves Army As Racing Starts

HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT.—Sgt. Anthony R. Deady, 43, of Plainfield, N. J., one of the first six soldiers in this Department to be returned to the United States for discharge, is convinced that it was for his convenience that the ban on horse racing was lifted on the same day that he received orders returning him to civilian life after three years in the Army.

An ardent racing fan for 20 years, Sergeant Deady declared he's convinced the tracks are reopening in his honor, and that he won't disappoint the gee-gees.

"My immediate post-war plan," revealed the sergeant, "is to go on a racing binge, then back to work. I want to see real nags run again. I'll hit Belmont Park, Saratoga

Springs, Narragansett and Suffolk Downs."

Deady said Juan Franco race track in Panama would shed no tears over his departure. He financed his furlough last November with \$500 winnings.

Pitches 'Dream' Game

PANAMA COAST ARTILLERY COMMAND.—To open the round-robin tourney for Capt. Daddabbo's Reiber Softball League champions, Sgt. Willie Choc pitched a "dream" game against Lieutenant Bill's team. Only 21 men faced him, 19 struck out and two died on easy pops, the champs winning 7-0.

Season Opens June 1

COCHRAN FIELD, Ga.—Capt. Ralph M. Roberts' PT office announces tentative starting date for baseball and softball is June 1, weather permitting. Among the probable opponents are Robbins Field, Fort Benning, Lawson General Hospital.

Upsets PT Routine

MACDILL FIELD, Fla.—Expected to be tops for the current Physical Fitness test period is the score of Lt. William A. Cahow, of Sq. A, who chalked up 279 out of a possible 300, or a PFR of 93.

Wins 3 In One Day

NAPIER FIELD, Ala.—Pvt. Reynold Holliday hung up quite a record when he twirled three softball games in one afternoon, allowed only three hits in 27 innings, with C-2 winning the tournament.



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Wounded And Alone, Stops Nazi Advance, Awarded Honor Medal

WASHINGTON.—1st Lt. Audie L. Murphy who, wounded and alone, stopped the advance of two companies of German infantry supported by six tanks last Jan. 26, near Holtzwihr, France, has been awarded the Medal of Honor, the War Department announced Thursday.

Lieutenant Murphy, native of Farmersville, Tex., and who reached his 21st birthday last Sunday, is being presented the medal in the European Theater.

Then a second lieutenant and newly in charge of his company of the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Lieutenant Murphy was in advance of the company position when the enemy attack broke from the shelter of a woods behind the six heavy German tanks. Murphy was operating a field telephone connected with supporting artillery batteries. He directed his men to withdraw to prepared positions in the woods.

"But he remained at the telephone, facing the advance of the tanks and German riflemen and calling for artillery fire that could smash them in the open," 1st Lt. Walter W. Weisfennig, an artillery officer, reported. "I saw hundreds of Germans swarming from the woods. They all had automatic weapons. He was all alone out there, except for a tree and a tank destroyer that was about 10 yards to his right.

Sees Krauts Scurrying

"The artillery fire he directed had a deadly effect. I saw Germans disappearing in clouds of dirt and snow. A direct hit from a German 88 smashed into the tank destroyer and I saw the men bail out and withdraw to the woods with the rest of the company.

"Smoke and flames spurted from the tank destroyer and the German tanks advanced, firing their machineguns and cannon at Lieutenant Murphy. The Kraut infantry line came on. The tanks gave the tank destroyer a wide berth because its gasoline and ammunition might have exploded at any moment.

"Then I saw the lieutenant do the bravest thing I've ever seen a man do in combat. With the Germans 100 yards away, he climbed onto the tank destroyer turret and began firing its 50 caliber machinegun at the advancing Krauts. He was completely exposed to the enemy fire and there was a blaze under him that threatened to blow the destroyer to bits. Machinegun, machine pistol and 88 shell fire was all around him.

"Twice the tank destroyer was hit by direct shell fire and Lieutenant Murphy was engulfed in clouds of smoke and spurts of flame. His clothing was riddled by flying fragments of shells and bits of rocks. I

saw that his trouser leg was soaked with blood. He had been wounded in the leg.

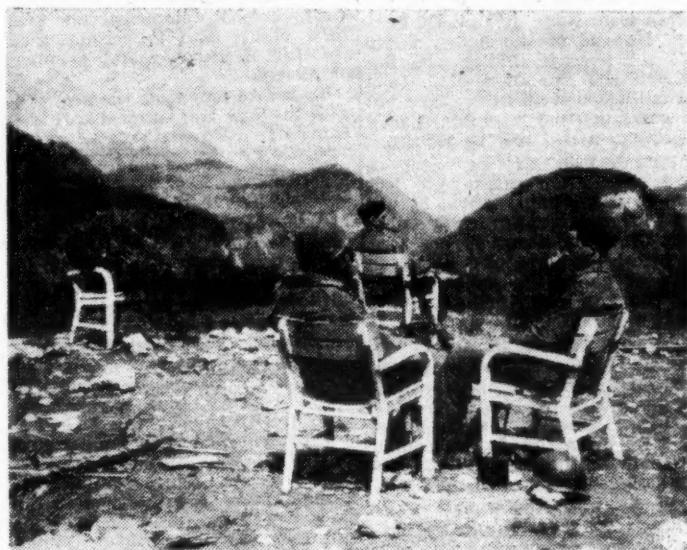
Kills 'Em At 50 Yards

"He swung the machinegun to where 12 Germans were sneaking up a ditch in an attempt to flank his position, and he killed all of them at 50 yards.

"Without infantry, the enemy tanks couldn't continue forward. After an hour, exhausted, and his ammunition spent, Lieutenant Murphy limped back to the company. Reorganized, it followed him in a

violent attack that drove the Germans from the area."

Lieutenant Murphy enlisted in the Army on his eighteenth birthday. He is a veteran of the campaigns in Africa, Sicily, Italy and France and Germany. Wounded in action three times, he has been awarded the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and also wears the Combat Infantryman Badge. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the field on Oct. 14, 1944, and last March 20 was promoted to first lieutenant.



FIRST DAY OF PEACE in Europe for these four soldiers of the U. S. 7th Army is enjoyed on the lawn of the Berchtesgaden home of the late Adolf Hitler. This favorite view of Der Fuehrer is somewhat the worse through shelling.

British Discharge Plan Simpler Than American

LONDON.—The British plan for demobilization of its armed forces is simpler than that of the United States being based largely on age, length of service or skill in construction work.

For men without special skills urgently needed to rebuild bomb-devastated areas only age and length of service are considered. No credit is given for overseas service or for battle honors or wounds.

Dependents do not count although regulations permit the release of soldiers "on compassionate grounds" which presumably would be hardship cases involving dependents.

Each soldier adds up his own score by taking his age and adding one year for each two months of service since September, 1939. The Group 1, the second highest Group 2, etc.

The British do not have a "crit-

ical" score such as the 85 points in the American system, but only men coming in Groups 1 to 5 are being considered for discharge. These include mostly men in their 50s who have been in service from the beginning of the war.

Because of the great work for manpower in construction work the men in the armed forces have been divided into Class A and Class B individuals. Those in Class A have been selected on the basis of age and length of service. Those in Class B have been selected because of their qualifications for construction work.

Men over 50 and all married women in the armed services have priority in the discharge schedule. Class A men released under the age and length of service credit system will be given eight weeks' leave with full pay, ration allowances, dependents' allowance and a war service grant.

When the leave has expired the men are placed in a special class of the military reserve from which they may be called only in an extreme emergency.

Suggestion For FDR Dime Given Senator By Savannah Officer

SAVANNAH ASF DEPOT, Ga.—

It was on a suggestion by 1st Lt. Homer Fansler that Senator Harley M. Kilgore, of West Virginia, introduced his bill authorizing the Treasury to mint a dime for issuance to the public, using a likeness of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt on one side and on the reverse an impression with suitable inscription symbolic of the four freedoms.

In his letter to Senator Kilgore, Lieutenant Fansler stated that his suggestion was especially appropriate in view of the late President's interest in the March of Dimes campaign.

Lieutenant Fansler, an ardent coin collector, pointed out to Senator Kilgore the history behind the minting of commemorative coins, and the historical value of coins showing prominent statesmen, with a design symbolic of their period of history.

Each GI's First Year In Army Costs \$533.88

WASHINGTON.—Equipping and maintaining a soldier in continental United States for his first year in the Army now costs the Quartermaster Corps \$533.88, or nearly 15 per cent over the cost of \$465.06 in 1944, a report from the War Department reveals. These figures are arrived at by records of materials expended the year previous, but based on the current year's prices. In 1943 the aggregate cost was \$501.06.

These costs are averages, and represent the costs for a composite soldier equipped for all climates in all the various arms and services of the Army, and computed for the entire Army strength.

This year the soldier's food will cost \$226.30, his clothing \$128.19 at the outset, but \$83.82 is added to that for a year's maintenance. His individual equipment has an initial cost of \$47.72 plus \$16.21 for maintenance, and his barrack equipment comes to \$28.15, with \$3.50 added to maintain it for the year.

The following table shows the increase in costs in each category of supply, including maintenance, as compared with 1944:

	1944	1945
Food	\$215.35	\$226.30
Clothing	173.70	212.00
Individual eqpmt.	44.70	63.93
Barrack eqpmt.	31.31	31.65

Totals

The above represents items issued by the Quartermaster Corps

General Easley Knocks Off Jap With GI's Rifle

OKINAWA.—Even the generals are grabbing opportunities to kill Japs these days.

Brig. Gen. Claudius Easley, of Waco, Tex., can boast that he didn't pass up his chance and as a result there is one less Jap to worry about over here.

General Easley was at an advanced 96th Division post north of Yonaburu early this week when he spotted a Japanese soldier coming out of a cave about 500 yards away. Borrowing a nearby GI's rifle he bowed over the Jap with one shot. It was his first Jap on Okinawa.

Barbers Scarce, So OCS Candidate Gets Beauty Parlor Trim

CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa.—With barber shops as scarce as the proverbial "hen's teeth," and barbers even scarcer, things are really coming to a pretty pass for the Carlisle Barracks OCS's.

One embryo Colonel took things into his own hands. Having dashed madly about only to find the familiar long queues issuing from local shops, in desperation he dialed the number of a beauty parlor listed in the directory.

The story goes that he had a hair-cut, a manicure, and was pondering the possibility of a permanent when his buddy tore him forcibly away from his newly found tonorial happiness—and lovely beautician.

Correspondents Advised To Keep Writing Till Notified

WASHINGTON.—Persons corresponding with soldiers overseas should, during the redeployment period, continue to use the current address until such time as they are advised by the individual soldier either of a change of address or to withhold mail until a permanent address can be provided, the War Department announced.

Overseas commanders have been instructed to give particular attention to the distribution of change of address and withholding forms to military personnel who are personally responsible for notifying their correspondents of any change in their address.

The withholding form, which is

to be forwarded to correspondents when the soldier is being redeployed and cannot provide a new permanent address, is specifically designed to advise publishers of newspapers, magazines and periodicals to withhold the mailing of issues to subscribers in this category until they can provide permanent addresses. Publishers are urged to co-operate and withhold the mailing of issues to subscribers who have advised them to take such action.

Military personnel returning to the United States either for hospitalization, separation, or furlough before being redeployed will be required to notify their correspondents to withhold sending mail.

only, and does not include the cost of weapons, ammunition, transportation, shelter, pay and similar expenses.

Rigors of warfare raise the maintenance costs on clothing from \$83.82 in the United States to \$145.10 in theaters of war, and on individual equipment from \$16.22 to \$33.88. The overseas maintenance on barrack equipment, due to the infrequent use of barracks, drops from \$3.50 to \$1.37.

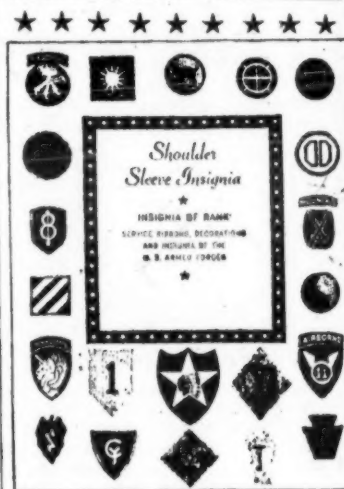
Captured Enemy Equipment Used To Stock Museum

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—A swarm of activity surrounds the new museum for engineer equipment now going up at the engineer training section here under the direction of Maj. Charles C. Reeder and skilled, Army-trained technicians from the 1631st engineer construction battalion. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of May.

Every type of training conducted at this training center will be illustrated with full-scale "cats" and "dozers" outside the museum down to the smallest scale models inside the building. Tiny gin poles and real foxholes will be viewed in miniature.

Photographs of actual engineer combat field problems, from the personal files of Col. W. R. Shuler, director of engineer training, will also afford officers and enlisted men visual, first-hand information.

Captured enemy equipment, collected from all fronts, will figure prominently in this exhibit, giving returned veterans from one theater a valuable chance to orient themselves with the material to be encountered in another.



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Stimson Asks Army Support For 7th War Loan Drive

WASHINGTON.—Urging the Army's uniformed and civilian personnel to support the Seventh War Loan, Secretary of War Stimson urged the setting of a record that would "serve as a challenge to all public agencies and private organizations."

In a message to Maj. Gen. H. K. Loughry, War Department chief of finance, Mr. Stimson urged officers to put at least 18 per cent of their base pay into war bonds during the drive.

In a war loan message Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, commanding general of the 9th Army, said: "Our fighting men constantly talk about what is taking place on the home front. Are people doing everything possible to help end this war? The Seventh War Loan will provide an answer to this question. Their fellow Americans cannot afford to let them down."



"Th' doc says it's nothin' serious—just hardened arteries."

EDITOR'S NOTE—In connection with the above sketch, Sgt. Mauldin writes that the 34th Division shortly before V-E Day reached its 500th day of combat. He says: "That tops the record of any division in U. S. service—Army or Marine—in this war."

"Star Spangled Banner," a 48-page book containing 165 Mauldin cartoons, may be obtained for 25c postpaid. Send coin or stamps to Army Times, Washington Daily News Building, Washington 5, D. C.

Credit For War Service To Vets Taking ROTC

WASHINGTON. — Veterans who take ROTC training in colleges after the war will be permitted to credit prior military training against the first two years' instruction by a bill, S. 889, reported by the House Military Affairs Committee.

ROTC college training consists of two years of basic training, followed by two years' advanced instruction, upon completion of which a reserve commission is awarded.

The bill, already passed by the senate, will permit the Army to

credit towards completion of the first two years any military training received in the armed services or in the Naval ROTC which is substantially equivalent to that prescribed for admission to the last two years' advanced course.

During the last two years of ROTC, students are paid subsistence at garrison ration rates.

Find Booby Trap Is Radium Cache Worth A Million

WITH U. S. FORCES, in Germany. — A pine box found by the 30th Medical Depot Company in a German hospital at Bad Mergentheim turned out to be a treasure trove of radium instead of a booby trap the men had expected to explode in their faces as they opened it.

An estimated value of \$1,000,000 was placed on the nugget by Lt. Col. Claude C. Britell, commander of the company.

The box, two feet square and three feet high, weighed 350 pounds and was rigged with a pulley arrangement. When it was opened it was found to contain a lead cup containing the radium. The entire box was lined with lead and the cup was resting on a lead mat.

Cossack Officer Has Yank GIs As Honor Guests At Gay Party

WITH THE 84TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany. — Three Rallsplitters recently did a little of their own cementing of international relations.

Pfc. George Floger, Buffalo, N. Y., and two other soldiers crossed the Elbe River in a boat. They were soon spotted by a Russian Cossack officer.

When the Russian recognized them as Americans, he invited them to visit his headquarters. They ac-

companied him to a small village where the Russian CP was located. A group of Russian women rushed out and greeted the group with kisses.

The entire company of Cossacks gathered around the GIs and admired their uniforms. Soon they were blousing their trousers in their boots like the Americans. They particularly liked the combat boots and anti-gas flap on the shirts.

The Russians were also impressed by the steel helmets, but thought them too heavy. Inside the house a feast had been prepared—fish, eggs, Russian bread and plenty of vodka and cognac.

Some of the men had their wives and families with them and many of the nurses and other army women were married to the soldiers.

When the Russians learned that Floger played the accordion, they brought him one and he entertained Red Army troops with American songs. Later, a Cossack played while a girl did a sword dance and several horsemen staged a show. Three Russians jumped their horses abreast over a German milk truck.

When it was time to leave, the Russians took them down to the river in a captured German truck and kissed them goodbye.

Signs Bill Permitting Demotion Of Generals

WASHINGTON.—Legislation authorizing temporary generals to be demoted to lower general ranks without renomination to the Senate was approved May 15 by President Truman.

Should Have Married The Widow

WELCH CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, Fla.—There was more than just a point to be gathered at Welch from the important War Department announcement. Eight-five points, or more, to be exact. It had nothing to do with rationing in the fruit, vegetable and gas departments. Merely the matter of an Army discharge which calls for pencil-pushing of an arithmetical nature.

When the news broke at Welch that Thursday noon, it didn't create the furore one might expect. You see, the trainees who've seen and heard more excitement the last few years in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Pacific sectors, found the news mild by comparison.

Most of them have enough points to take care of their mothers-in-law, the landlord, the corner bookie and then some. One sergeant added to 165 and said, "Hey, fellers! Anybody need a few extras? Free for the asking. You don't hafta put up any collateral either."

In one corner of a barracks a Pfc. held pencil in mouth, mumbling to himself. Gradually his words took meaning. "Now, why couldn't I have married that widow with three children in Mocksville,

N. C.? That would have meant 36 points. Together with the 50 I already have I'd be practically on my way to the farm. The one point left over I'd send air mail special delivery to my kid brother in Iceland."

Another chap kept shaking his head. A string of ribbons indicated that he'd been around many theaters of war. "I don't get it," he shrugged. "According to what I make out of this point system a guy's practically two-and-a-half times more a hero for having children under 18 than for having combat decorations. Maybe the hot shots figure that life with a battle-axe is more dangerous than life with battle-wagons."

One especially sad corporal was

overheard talking it over with a chaplain's assistant. "What chance have I got? Seven months in service. Single. No dependents. No combat decorations, unless you want to be terribly broad-minded and consider my Good Conduct ribbon. According to my best calculations I'll be a 10-year man before the wind-up. There are days when a guy shouldn't get out of bed."



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READY FOR A JUMP is "Damit," the Airborne mascot of a B-29 crew training at Pyote Field, Tex. "Damit," who wears her custom-made parachute like a veteran, has duty of carrying messages and sandwiches between crew members of the '29 through the tunnel, which connects compartments of the big ship.

Unclaimed GI Trophies Make Up War Museum

NEW YORK.—Because GIs who sent war trophies home from the several combat theaters didn't address them correctly the post office and the U. S. Appraisers stores here have come into the possession of a war museum like none elsewhere on earth.

There are hand grenades and ivory elephants, German helmets and silk panties, Japanese swords and Chinese violins. Other items include a London bobbie's helmet badge and a water color of General Joseph Stilwell.

Postmaster Albert Goldman said the collection, which now numbers some 12,000 items, would probably be put at auction sometime in the future.

The Mess Line

There's a Pfc. who calls his girl MP because she is always checking his pass.

There was an old maid in Vancouver
Who captured a man by maneuver
She jumped on his knee
With a chortle of glee
And nothing on earth could remove her!

Night clubs these days are gay
Ninetyish—the gals are gay, the guys are ninety.

"I'll put the motion before the house," said the chorus girl as she danced onto the stage.

A young girl was taking a swim in a secluded lake. Suddenly she spotted a young boy tying knots in her clothes. Swimming to the bank, she grabbed an old tub as a shield and advanced angrily on the youngster. "Young man," she snapped. "Do you know what I'm thinking?" "Yup," said the boy, "you think there is a bottom in that tub."

A good girl always sticks to "no";
A bad girl always "yeses";
A smart girl makes them sound alike
And holds the boys on guesses!

He who horses around too much
Will some day find himself a groom.

Two mosquitoes once lit on the features
Of two fair and peroxided creatures.
When asked by what right
They replied, "We're not tight."
"We're just seeing the game from the bleachers."

Gent—I want to die with my boots on.
She—Well, put 'em on! Here comes my husband.

Some adore a pretty leg
Some love a pretty curl.
That's not for me, I must admit—
I want the whole darn girl!

Girls are like sailboats—they make their best showing in the wind.

In the parlor there were three
She, the table lamp and he,
Three's a crowd, there is no doubt
And so the little lamp went out.

God gave the pig a mighty snout
With which to dig and root about.
And claws like iron he gave the mole
With which to burrow and dig a hole

But God forgot in human rigger
To provide a tool for foxhole diggin'.

Details Of V-3 Rocket Launching Sites Revealed

LONDON.—Details of the launching site of the German V-3 rocket bombs, at Mimoyecques, near Calais, France, were revealed by the British Information Service.

The launching guns were 50 smooth-bore barrels, each 400 feet long and sunk 350 feet into the hills at an angle of 55 degrees, trained on London, 95 miles away.

The whole installation, covering several acres, was protected by 18-foot concrete armor, which, if it had been completed, would have been invulnerable to any known bomb.

Prime Minister Churchill, referring to the V-3 project in his May 31 address to the British House, said, "If the weapon had been used it would have left London as shattered as Berlin."

Special School Benefits Asked For War Widows

WASHINGTON.—Congress this week received a resolution adopted by the California legislature, urging extension of educational benefits of the GI Bill of Rights to widows of personnel who die in service.

Ain't Best English, But Style's Punchy

WITH THE 84TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany.—The radio message two members of Company L, 335th Infantry, sent back to their CP near the Elbe river may not have been good social English, but it covered the situation in brief.

Three B met. One dead, two half-shot."

The message was the work of Pfc. Fred Barron, of Duluth, Minn., and S/Sgt. Norman MacPherson, Arlington, Mass.

Three Germans had been ambushed, one killed and two badly wounded.

Air Transports Do Fine Job Evacuating Combat Wounded

WASHINGTON.—In announcing Monday that more than 1,000,000 sick and wounded patients of the American and Allied forces have been evacuated by the Army Air Forces transport aircraft in all theaters, the War Department stressed the fact that nearly 100 percent of the casualties evacuated from east of the Rhine in the final phases of the European theater were transported by aircraft.

More than 300,000 patients were evacuated from the forward to the rear areas in the ETO between D-Day and VE-Day, with more than 60,000 as the estimated peak load for April, partly accounted for by

the return of liberated prisoners of war.

The total of 1,033,481 evacuees covers the period from the fall of 1942, when mass air evacuation was initiated in the South Pacific during the counter-offensives on Guadalcanal and New Guinea, to VE-Day in Europe, according to Brig. Gen. Charles R. Glenn, Deputy Air Surgeon.

Battle casualties comprised about 35 percent of air evacuees in 1944, but this increased to approximately 50 percent in the early months of 1945. The remainder were personnel hospitalized for sickness or non-combat injuries.

Army's TC Lands 24,563 Railroad Pieces In Europe

WITH U. S. ARMY FORCES, in France.—The Army's Transportation Corps landed 24,563 pieces of railroad rolling stock on the Continent between D-Day and VE-Day, in addition to pressing into service 9624 cars and engines captured from the Germans.

The figure includes 1760 steam and Diesel locomotives.

The 1st and 2nd Military Railway Services, the railroad divisions of the Transportation Corps, are now operating six lines inside Germany and at least seven others were under construction when hostilities ended.

SHORTY

By Sgt. R. Schuller, Camp Pinedale, Calif., Unit of 4th AAF



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Wacs Join Allied Troops In Italy Greeting V-E Day

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Caserta, Italy.—Within the shadow of the Royal Palace where the German delegates had signed the unconditional surrender treaty which meant the end of war in Italy, thousands of Allied troops, men and women, stood in a thanksgiving ceremony in recognition of the end of the war in Europe.

Flanked on one side by the soldiers of the United States Army and on the other by a platoon of sailors of the United States Navy, a contingent of Wacs represented the women soldiers of AFHQ, and heard the words of thanksgiving voiced by the chaplains and the words of praise voiced by Field Marshall Sir R. L. G. Alexander, Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean Theater, and Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander.

Senate Votes Raises For Gov't Employees

WASHINGTON.—A \$487,800,000 federal civil service pay raise bill has been passed by the Senate.

The bill covers executive, legislative and judiciary branch employees, except postal and a few other specialized employees. Post Office Department workers are granted raises under a separate measure already passed by the House and now before the Senate.

Basic compensation rates for executive departments are raised twenty per cent on salaries up to \$1200; ten per cent on the additional compensation between \$1200 and \$4600; and five per cent on the pay in excess of \$4600.

Present overtime rates are continued without substantial change. The legislation would be effective July 1.

QUIZ ANSWERS

(See "Army Quiz," Page 8)

1. C. Via Suez, 14,500 miles. Via United States, 15,000 miles. Via Panama Canal, 16,200 miles.
2. The 41 smaller nations represented at the San Francisco Conference.
3. C. Cost of World War I to the United States was about \$32 billion.
4. Wacs. The Quartermaster Corps says that in continental United States Wacs wear out three pairs yearly to GIs two. Overseas they also wear them out faster.
5. Wrong.
6. C.
7. The small factories and home workshops which supply parts and accessories for much of Japan's war industries.
8. John Adams, in 1800.
9. B.
10. United Nations Conference on Internal Organization.

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ON HER OWN is Bettejane Greer Vallee, who dropped the name of her former husband, Rudy Vallee, and chopped off the ends to suit the ears, and took plain "Jane Greer" as her screen name with RKO.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

One soldier who admits he likes his job is Sgt. Lloyd E. Gregg, in charge of identification in the PM office at KEARNEY FIELD, Neb. His work of finger-printing requires him to hold the hand of every nice-looking gal on the post.

Friends of Pvt. Shirley Johnson at MATHER FIELD, Calif., suggest that the worried look she has been wearing for some time is caused by an ardent GI who took letters she wrote too seriously. She should have paid attention to the posters around the camp which suggest: "Careful what you write. Someone's mother might be reading."

Sgts. Tom Crise and Billy Bradley, with a bit of weak support from Pfc. Walt Guild, are top candidates for bathroom sopranos at ROME FIELD, N. Y. Every time they take showers they launch into barber-shop trios. But fortunately, fellow

GIs say, they are careful to indulge only when the barracks is practically empty.

Only one thing wrong, fellow non coms say, with the new atmosphere of the non coms' barracks room of the 1882nd Medical Detachment at the Regional Hospital at CAMP MAXEY, Tex. It makes 'em homesick. Thanks to Sgts. Les Page and Phil Levine it has a pretty rug, drapes along the walls and over the windows, with a glass bowl and gold fish. A selection of ash trays, knick knacks and a radio are on one side of the room, and cabinet of hand-painted Chinese glass decorates the other side. Yet to come are a canary and a cat for the hearth.

Buddies of Sgt. Jimmy Spears at ARDMORE FIELD, Tex., are anxious to meet a gal named Jean regarding whom Jimmy rhapsodizes about two a.m., in his dreams. They feel that with the descriptions poured out about face, figure and "limbs," Jean must be about the ideal.

S/Sgt. Al Fisher, of LOVE FIELD, Tex., has taken up golf. Further, he boasts about his grand score on his third round. It was 200.

A taxi driver in Oklahoma City, nearly ran down S/Sgt. Harold Pimsler, of WILL ROGERS FIELD, Okla., who is celebrated for his rotundity. When Harold squawked "Can't you drive around me?" the taximan replied: "No, I've only got an A card."

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Committee Revolt Permits More Evidence In VA Hospital Probe

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.imony covered conditions at the tuberculosis hospital at Castle Point, N. Y., which, he charged, "was an outstanding example of maladministration."

Cold Food

As substantiation for his charge, Maisel told the committee that hospital officials had taken four months to reorganize their kitchen facilities when a help and equipment shortage interfered with normal operations. Bedfast patients, he said, were served food "as cold as the grace," and he quoted a former Army Nurse patient as telling him that patients at Castle Point didn't "die of tuberculosis, they die of starvation."

Maisel said that he found approximately 575 patients crowded into a hospital equipped to handle 490 with day rooms, diet kitchens and semi-private rooms converted into wards. He said the effect on the food situation was serious and that

for four months the patients were required "to go without adequate food adequately prepared."

He related again the case of James Collier, a bedfast tuberculosis patient, who required an operation and was sent alone by train from Castle Point to the Bronx to undergo an operation simply because Castle Point had no qualified anaesthetist—instead of sending an anaesthetist to Castle Point, Collier did not have the operation until seven months later after being required to return to Castle Point.

Petty Rackets

Maisel included among his petty rackets complaints of overcharging at a privately-operated canteen and a charge of 35 to 65 cents made for cashing government checks of patients. He did not identify those who made the check-cashing charge.

"It was indicative of laxness and a sort of callousness," he said. "Administration was very lax."

He said that parents of patients

and non-contagious patients were served food in the canteen from the same utensils used by positive sputum cases without any sterilization.

Meanwhile, a Committee contempt citation against Albert Deutsch, a writer for PM, was reported "dead as a doornail" by committee members.

Deutsch was cited for contempt by the Committee last Friday after he had refused to disclose some of the sources of information for articles he had written in PM, critical of the Veterans Administration. The Committee took no formal action to rescind the contempt citation, but was expected to let the matter die a natural death.

Members of Congress were extremely wary of permitting the contempt citation to come before the House because of the so-called "freedom of the press" issue involved.

Many Things Wrong

Maisel sprinkled his testimony with repeated statements to the effect that he had found "many things" wrong in the veterans' hospitals and that available statistics backed up his claim that veterans do not get the same efficient hospital service as patients in Army, Navy or County hospitals. He said it was impossible for doctors to be competent under the conditions which exist in veterans' hospitals.

He said the shortage of doctors in veterans' hospitals was due to the administration policies and that veteran hospitals were better off today as regards doctors than other hospitals because of the fact that the Army has assigned several hundred to duty in the VA facilities.

Maisel took the witness stand before the Committee at 10 A.M. on Tuesday to relate his experiences in investigating conditions in tuberculosis hospitals, but got nowhere for the next hour as Committee Counsel McQueen continued to act the role of defense counsel for the Veterans Administration rather than prosecutor of the investigation.

McQueen's tactics appeared to be to get a witness to admit a lack of knowledge of conditions at a specific hospital and then devote his questions exclusively to proving that lack of knowledge. All attempts to volunteer facts were halted either by Rankin or McQueen with instructions to "concentrate on one thing—we don't want to ramble all over the lot."

Finally, after more than an hour had passed without Maisel being permitted to give his evidence, individual members of the committee revolted and shouted that "we want to hear this" or "If you'll let him tell his story we'll learn a lot."

"Why can't we find out what he knows," Rep. Domeneaux (D., La.), asked at one point. "We've been wasting a bunch of time. We're not getting anywhere."

Then the hearing progressed.

Change Board Name

WASHINGTON.—Name of the Joint Army-Navy Ammunition Storage Board was changed to Army-Navy Explosives Board, effective from May 2.

Truman Gives Sergeant 100th Medal Of Honor

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soldiers and sailors and marines under fire," President Truman said. "Those who win the Medal of Honor have displayed the highest quality of courage."

"This medal is given for gallantry at the risk of life beyond the call to duty. No officer ordered Sergeant Lindsey to stand alone against a company of the enemy. No officer ordered him when wounded to engage eight Germans in hand-to-hand combat."

"Those decisions came from his own heart. They were a flash of the nobility which we like to think is part of every American. They were the unselfish valor which can triumph over terrible odds. They were the very essence of victory."

The award to Sergeant Lindsey was the 223 Medal of Honor given to members of the armed forces in this war and the 100th to an infantryman. Of the 223, a total of 162 have gone to Army men.

"It seems fitting that in this symbolic ceremony we should honor

an infantryman," President Truman said. "There is little glamour in his service. He faces not only the enemy but the cold and heat, the rain and snow, the dust and mud, which so often makes his life miserable. These things he endures and rises above them to such deeds as those we celebrate today."

Following the ceremony in Congress, Sergeant Lindsey and his family lunched on Mississippi fish at a luncheon given by Rep. William M. Colmer, of his district and attended by the entire Mississippi delegation to Congress. The President stopped by for a moment but had to hurry back to the White House to keep an appointment.

During a brief press conference after the luncheon, the slight, wiry young hero said he had enlisted in the Army in 1939 because he was tired of school and wanted to travel. "My teacher told me it was educational to travel, and I believe it," he said.

Questioned as to whether he had any advice to give men who have not yet been to the front, Sergeant Lindsey said:

"They had better take advantage of all the training they can get before they go to the front. There have been a lot of replacements over there who were pretty green and didn't seem to have sufficient training. We'd have to catch them by the seat of the pants to get them moving, but they soon learned to take care of themselves."

Okinawa

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consolidated under the command of Lt. Gen. Dan I. Sultan. Maj. Gen. William E. R. Covey, formerly commander of the Supply Services, has returned to the United States for a new assignment.

Balloon Attacks On West U. S.

The Army and Navy announced this week that for several months aimless Japanese balloon attacks have been made on Western U. S. mainland. Paper balloons about 33 feet in diameter, carrying a few small bombs, have landed or dropped explosives in isolated localities. The fact has been known in the West for months but the office of censorship has up to this time forbidden mention of it in the press since "detailed facts might help the Japanese to correct their methods."

The announcement said that the attacks were scattered and without military threat, but the public and school children have been warned not to approach or touch any unfamiliar object.

Army Maternity Hospitals Listed

WASHINGTON.—In accordance with War Department Circular 430, 1944, which authorized maternity care for women honorably discharged or relieved from active duty because of pregnancy, the Surgeon General has certified a list of medical facilities where care for such women is available.

The list has been printed in Circular 141, issued May 12, 1945.

It's Furlough, Then Japan

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Europe. They will be replaced by men with insufficient points for discharge.

All men returning to the U. S. with the 1st Army will be furloughed. Those separated will have to await their turn with other discharges and will not return with the Army.

The fighting record of the 1st Army ranks with the proudest in the Allied Expeditionary forces. Although the Army did not enter combat until the invasion of the Normandy coast, several of its units took part in the original landings in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Troops of the 1st army parachuted into France before H-Hour

on D-Day, led the way across the German frontier, broke the Siegfried Line, seized and established the Remagen bridgehead and were the first to make junction at the Elbe.

With the exception of the 15th no information has been released concerning the future of other U. S. Armies in Europe. It is expected that General Patton's 3rd may be the next to head toward the Pacific. Other armies are the 5th, 7th and 9th.

As of April 12, the 1st Army was composed of four corps, embracing 13 divisions with an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 men. Those in the Army and commanding officers are as follows:

3rd Corps—Maj. Gen. James A. Van Fleet.
5th Corps—Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner.

7th Corps—Maj. Gen. J. Lawton Collins.
18th Airborne Corps—Maj. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway.

Divisions
1st Infantry—Maj. Gen. Clift Andrus.

2nd Infantry—Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson.

3rd Armored—Name of commander not available.

7th Armored—Maj. Gen. Robert W. Hasbrouck.

8th Infantry—Brig. Gen. Bryant Moore.

9th Infantry—Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig.

69th Infantry—Maj. Gen. Emil F. Reinhardt.

78th Infantry—Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Parker.

82nd Airborne—Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin.

99th Infantry—Maj. Gen. Walter Lauer.

104th Infantry—Maj. Gen. Terry Allen.

106th Infantry—Maj. Gen. Donald A. Stroh.

28th Infantry—Maj. Gen. Norman D. Cota.

Only Few

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States alerted for overseas will not be disrupted by removal of large numbers of men eligible for discharge.

In both cases the high-point personnel will be relieved after replacements are available in the Pacific.

Even the men in critical occupations will be replaced as soon as possible, the Army said. It is believed that within a year there will be few, if any, scarce categories.

In the film "On to Tokyo," to be released May 31 as a sequel to "Two Down, One to Go," Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief-of-Staff, declares:

"The rotation system of furloughs will continue in the Pacific. Ship spaces have been allotted for that purpose."

Rotation from Europe, however, probably will be suspended or radically modified in operation, it is believed, since personnel eligible for rotation under existing regulations would be in most cases eligible for demobilization under the point system.